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Dear South Park Families:

The colder, frosty mornings are reminders that winter is quickly approaching. While I'm hoping for a milder winter, we must be prepared for the snow and cold temperatures that are quite common in western Pennsylvania. The decision to delay or close school is one I take very seriously. Student safety will always be my top priority.

Whenever possible, the decision to delay or close school will be made by 5:30 a.m. On some occasions when road conditions worsen quickly, the decision may have to be made after 5:30 a.m. The decision to delay or cancel school is made after receiving input from the South Park Township Police Department, the South Park Public Works Department, the district transportation office, and our facilities personnel. Early dismissals will only be called in the most extreme emergencies.

When school is delayed or canceled, the district will make an automated phone call and send an email notification through SchoolMessenger. **The primary phone number for each guardian contact will be called.** If your contact information has recently changed, please call your child's school office. The success of the SchoolMessenger system in contacting families depends on accurate contact information in the district's database.

There are now more ways than ever to learn of a school delay or cancellation. You can find delay and closing information on the following:



sparksd.org

[@SPSDInfo on Twitter](https://twitter.com/SPSDInfo)



South Park School District
on Facebook

SPSD Smartphone App

In addition to SchoolMessenger, delays and cancellations will be communicated on KDKA-TV and kdka.com, WTAE-TV and wtae.com, and WPXI-TV and wpxi.com.

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS– When there is a two (2) hour delay, **both** AM and PM Kindergarten sessions will be held.

- AM Kindergarten students will be picked up at their bus stops approximately two (2) hours later than normal. School begins at approximately 10:45 a.m. AM Kindergarten dismissal is at 12:30 p.m., which means your child will arrive at his/her stop approximately one (1) hour later than normal.
- PM Kindergarten students will be picked up at their bus stops approximately fifty (50) minutes later than normal. Homeroom begins at 1:40 p.m. Dismissal will be at the normal time of 3:30 p.m.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during the upcoming winter months.

Sincerely,

Wayne P. Gdovic
Superintendent of Schools

Wayne P. Gdovic, Superintendent

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