



School Closure and Delay Information

School closure or delay due to weather, road conditions, power outages, and other emergency situations is always a possibility. Kennewick School District's first priority when considering whether or not to close or delay the start of the school day is the safety of our 17,000 students and 1,800 employees.

If there is no mention on the district website or in the media of a school delay or closure, schools are running on time.

A decision will be made no later than 6:00 a.m. whether to close or delay schools for the day. Conditions may change and it is possible that a school delay may change to a closure. Every effort is made to make this decision by 6:45 a.m.

Parents and guardians make the final decision

Parents and guardians should always use their own discretion in determining whether to send children to school or pick them up early if they feel conditions in their particular area are not safe. Please inform your child's school with a signed note if you decide to keep your child at home. It will be considered an excused absence.

Are students ever sent home early?

Please understand that closing schools and sending students home early is extremely difficult due to the challenges around notifying all parents/guardians and ensuring that there is an adult at home to or elsewhere to supervise children. Students will follow their regular schedule once school starts, except in extreme emergency situations. However, this does not prevent a parent or guardian from picking their child up early if they choose.

School closure and delay notifications:

- **Website** - Check the district website: www.ksd.org. Remember to refresh your browser for updates.
- **Text and Email Alerts** - [Sign up](#) in advance to receive a text and email alerts using FlashAlert. You will be required to set up an account and verify your email or mobile device. Please note that it is possible, depending on your carrier, that you may receive any multiple messages or experience delays when using this service.
- **Facebook and Twitter** - Follow updates on [Facebook](#) or Twitter: @ksddistrict
- **Media** - Watch or listen to local media stations and websites.
TV Channels: 19 KEPR CBS, 25 KNDU NBC, 42 KVEW ABC
Radio (English): KALE 960, KTCR 1340, KEGX 106.5, KKSR 95.7, KIOK 94.9, KUJ 99.1, KONA 610, 105.3, KORD 102.7, 87, KXRX 97.1, KEYW 98.3, KFLD 870, KOLW 97.5, KFAE 89.1 FM
Radio (Spanish): KMNA 98.7, KZHR 92.5, KZTB 97.9, KMMG 96.7
Online News: Tri-City Herald - www.tricityherald.com

Athletics, Community Education and other school activities

If school is closed, all out-of-district transportation, meetings, field trips, after-school activities, and practices will be canceled for the day unless otherwise announced. All evening meetings/functions scheduled to take place in district facilities will also be canceled.