

Emergency Procedures

Inclement Weather, Earthquake, Power Failure

The Edmonds School District sends out procedures for inclement weather (snow, high wind, etc.) every fall. "Limited Bus Transportation" bus routes will be included with this information. Please watch for this information that your child will bring home in late September or early October.

Communication

In case of snow or other inclement weather, listen/watch radio or TV stations. Announcements will be made from 6-8:00 am.

AM radio: KIRO 710, KIXI 880, KOMO 1000, KRKO 1380, KYCM 1090

FM radio: KPLU 88.5, KLSY 92.5, KMPS 94.1

TV: KOMO 4, KING 5, KIRO 7

Internet: <http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu>

Limited Bus Transportation

If radio/TV announces: "Edmonds School District , Limited Bus Transportation" buses operate on emergency routes under snow and ice conditions. Drivers will inform families about emergency route changes after the school year begins.

Late Start of School Due to Snow or Inclement Weather

News about delayed starts will also be on the radio and TV. Listen carefully for the exact times. A delayed-start day at LWE will begin at 11:20 am. Dismissal time will remain 3:50 pm.

When school and bus transportation are delayed because of weather, our schools will be open at the regular time.

Student Safety Information

Providing for your student's safety when school is in session is a major responsibility of the school staff. All schools have a disaster plan for student safety. The principal and school staff is prepared to make prompt and responsible decisions in any situation that could threaten the safety of students.

The need to close a school and evacuate the students before the regularly scheduled closing time could arise from a relatively minor emergency such as a prolonged interruption of power or from a major event such as fire, disastrous earthquake, or severe storm. At times, communication and/or transportation may be disrupted.

In The Event of a Major Disaster

- Information will be broadcast to parents over local television and radio stations (see communication on page 8) Information will also be published in local newspapers, posted at the school site, and posted on the district web page at: www.edmonds.wednet.edu
- No student will be dismissed from school unless a parent (or individual designated by a parent) comes for him/her.
- No child will be allowed to leave with another person, even a relative or baby sitter unless we have written permission to that effect or that particular person is listed on the student's Emergency Release Authorization Form (P-139) in our files and is able to identify him/herself.
- All parents or designated persons who come for students must sign students out at the school office or at the temporary student release station. Signs will be posted if this alternate location is required.

We are prepared to care for your child in emergency situations. If you are not able to reach the school, we will care for your child until you or a designated person arrives. We have a number of staff members with first-aid certificates and we will be in communication with local emergency services. We do ask your help in the following ways:

- Please do not call the school. We must have the lines open for emergency calls.
- Do turn to radio and television stations or the district web page for information.
- Following an earthquake or other emergency, do not immediately drive to the school. The school access route and street entrance areas must remain clear for emergency vehicles and/or may be cluttered with debris.
- School personnel will be involved with emergency response following an emergency or disaster. An orderly plan for student release will be organized. PLEASE ALLOW ONE HOUR FOLLOWING AN EMERGENCY BEFORE COMING TO SCHOOL TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD.

In the Event of a Lock Down ...

If our school is ever locked-down for any reason, all doors will be locked and staff and students will remain indoors. Please do not come to the school or call the school until after the lock-down is lifted.

It is important that we be prepared personally and in relationship to others in our school community as well as the broader community. During the year your student will be trained in the necessary emergency procedures. Students will learn how to react, where to assemble, and what to expect in an emergency situation. Education, knowledge, and preparation are our best allies.