

SCHOOL CLOSINGS, DELAYED START, AND EARLY DISMISSAL

HOW WE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

There are times when an emergency, such as severe weather conditions, heating or water problems, or a power failure may require closing one or all of the District schools. These decisions are never made lightly, and are the result of much discussion between various departments, including transportation, district personnel, and the superintendent.

School closings, delayed start and early dismissal due to inclement weather, or other emergencies, will be communicated to district parents/guardians via School Messenger, the District 95 and school websites, and reported to the Emergency Closing Center which broadcasts the information to local Chicago media outlets.

Families will only receive notice if schools are closed, starting late or dismissing early. Keeping your contact information up to date is essential for receiving automated emergency messages. Please contact your child's school if there is a change to contact information. In addition, parents are advised to listen to their radio or check television stations for school closing information on days when closings might occur, and also check the following websites:

www.lz95.org OR www.emergencyclosings.com

When the school district is closed due to weather related issues it includes those who attend parochial schools and out of district facilities. The premise being that if we feel it is dangerous to transport students in district, it would also be too dangerous to transport students outside of the district. All private facilities know this and do not ever penalize our students. They consider it an excused absence.

DELAYED START

The delayed start schedule may be initiated to allow time for roads and school grounds to be cleared and staff to arrive on time at the school. On delayed start schedule days, District buses will arrive at your student's bus stop **two hours later than their regularly scheduled time**. Students who walk or drive to school should arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to the delayed start time. Where applicable, class periods will be shortened to accommodate a shorter day but dismissal times will not change. Food service will be provided as usual.

DELAYED START TIMES		
Grade Level	Normal School Start Time	Delayed School Start Time
AM ½ day: Half Day Kindergarten Little Leaders Preschool Early Childhood AM ½ day	8:35 am	Cancelled
PM ½ Day: Little Leaders Preschool Early Childhood PM ½ day	12:21pm	12:21pm
Elementary Schools (Grades K (Full Day)-5)	8:35am	10:35am *Students not being transported by school bus should not arrive before 10:20am.
Middle Schools (Grades 6-8)	7:30am	9:30am *Students not being transported by school bus should not arrive before 9:15am.
High School (Grades 9-12)	7:55am	9:55am *Students not being transported by school bus should not arrive before 9:40am.

Cancellations Due to Delayed Start

- No YMCA Before School Care (YMCA after school care will be in session)
- No LZHS Preschool/Child Development class for preschool children
- No morning practices for elementary band, orchestra, chorus or any other before-school activity
- No Early Bird classes for high school students
- No Tech Campus for high school students
- No weight room for high school students
- No Field Trips that were scheduled for the school day

All regular dismissal times will remain and CUSD 95 after school athletics/activities will be assessed by 2:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL DELAYED START BELL SCHEDULE	
Early Bird	Cancelled
1 st Period	9:55 am – 10:26 am
2 nd Period	10:31 am – 11:02 am
3 rd Period	11:07 am – 11:38 am
4 th Period	11:43 am – 12:14 pm
5 th Period	12:19 pm – 12:50 pm
6 th Period	12:55 pm – 1:26 pm
7 th Period	1:31 pm – 2:02 pm
8 th Period	2:07 pm – 2:38 pm
9 th Period	2:43 pm – 3:11 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUTH DELAYED START BELL SCHEDULE					
	6 th Grade		7 th Grade		8 th Grade
1 st	9:30 am – 9:55 am	1 st	9:30 am – 9:55 am	1 st	9:30 am – 9:55 am
2 nd	9:58 am – 10:23 am	2 nd	9:58 am – 10:23 am	2 nd	9:58 am – 10:23 am
3 rd	10:26 am – 10:51 am HR/BOC	3 rd	10:26 am – 10:51 am	3 rd	10:26 am – 10:51 am
4 th	10:54 am – 11:19 am	4 th	10:54 am – 11:19 am	4 th	10:54 am – 11:19 am
5 th	11:21 am – 11:51 am	5 th	11:21 am – 11:51 am Lunch	5 th	11:21 am – 11:51 am
6 th	11:53 am – 12:23 pm	6 th	11:53 am – 12:23 pm	6 th	11:53 am – 12:23 pm Lunch
7 th	12:25 pm – 12:55 pm Lunch	7 th	12:25 pm – 12:55 pm	7 th	12:25 pm – 12:55 pm
8 th	12:58 pm – 1:23 pm	8 th	12:58 pm – 1:23 pm	8 th	12:58 pm – 1:23 pm
9 th	1:26 pm – 1:51 pm	9 th	1:26 pm – 1:51 pm	9 th	1:26 pm – 1:51 pm
10 th	1:54 pm – 2:20 pm	10 th	1:54 pm – 2:20 pm HR/BOC	10 th	1:54 pm – 2:20 pm HR/BOC

MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH DELAYED START BELL SCHEDULE					
	6 th Grade		7 th Grade		8 th Grade
1 st	9:30 am – 9:57 am	1 st	9:30 am – 9:57 am	1 st	9:30 am – 9:57 am
2 nd	10:00 am – 10:27 am	2 nd	10:00 am – 10:27 am	2 nd	10:00 am – 10:27 am
3 rd	10:30 am – 10:55 am HR	3 rd	10:30 am – 10:55 am	3 rd	10:30 am – 10:55 am
4 th	10:57 am – 11:23 am	4 th	10:58 am – 11:25 am	4 th	10:58 am – 11:25 am
5 th	11:25 am – 11:52 am	5 th	11:27 am – 11:57 am Lunch	5 th	11:27 am – 11:57 am
6 th	11:54 am – 12:21 pm	6 th	11:59 am – 12:29 pm	6 th	11:59 am – 12:29 pm Lunch
7 th	12:23 pm – 12:49 pm	7 th	12:31 pm – 12:57 pm	7 th	12:31 pm – 12:57 pm
8 th	12:51 pm – 1:21 pm Lunch	8 th	12:59 pm – 1:26 pm	8 th	12:59 pm – 1:26 pm
9 th	1:23 pm – 1:50 pm	9 th	1:28 pm – 1:54 pm	9 th	1:28 pm – 1:54 pm
10 th	1:53 pm – 2:20 pm	10 th	1:57 pm – 2:20 pm HR	10 th	1:57 pm – 2:20 pm HR

EARLY DISMISSAL

The early dismissal schedule is typically initiated if inclement weather is moving into the area which could make travel difficult or unsafe at normal dismissal time. When the District calls for an early dismissal, school is dismissed exactly two hours earlier than the regular schedule.

School/Program	Regular Schedule	Early Dismissal Schedule
High School	7:55 am – 3:11 pm	7:55 am – 1:11 pm
High School (Late Start)	8:31 am – 3:11 pm	8:31 am – 1:11 pm
Middle Schools	7:30 am – 2:20 pm	7:30 am – 12:20 pm
Elementary Schools Kindergarten(Full Day)-5th	8:35 am – 2:50 pm	8:35 am – 12:50 pm
Little Leaders Preschool/Early Childhood – AM	8:35 am – 11:04 am	Non-attendance
Little Leaders Preschool/Early Childhood – PM	12:21 pm – 2:50 pm	Non-attendance
Kindergarten (Half Day)	8:35 am – 11:10 pm	8:35 am – 10:10 am

Special Education Out of District and Work Programs

A separate email will be sent to the parent/guardian of these students with instructions.