

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

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Emergency School Closing Process

- When weather conditions pose a hazard to the safety of students and staff, the Superintendent can make a decision to close school, delay opening, or dismiss early.
- To make this decision, the Superintendent consults sending district superintendents, county road officials, local police, the weather services, and representatives of the District's transportation department. Current and predicted conditions, and actual driving conditions, are all factors in the decision.
- A decision to close school or delay opening is usually made by 5:30 AM. The decision to delay opening will be made when safe driving conditions are predicted for later in the morning. In this case, the opening of school will be delayed for 90 minutes, until 10:20 AM.
- Decisions regarding school closings and delayed openings will be sent out via the Global Connect Broadcast System, posted to the DTS website (www.dtsk8.org), as well as the media outlets listed below. A message will also be recorded on the school telephone (609) 397-3179.
- A decision to dismiss early will be made if weather suddenly worsens during the school day or if a storm arrives sooner than predicted. In this case, students will be dismissed from school at 12:50 PM. A phone call will be made to all students in grades Pre K to 2. A phone message will be sent out via the Global Connect automated phone system to all students in grades 3 to 8. Decisions regarding early dismissal will be on the DTS website, as well as the media outlets listed below.
- In case of inclement weather or any other emergency, the following radio stations will broadcast school closings, delayed openings, or early dismissal information:

JERSEY 101.5 FM
WOR 710 AM

PLEASE NOTE - In the event of an emergency closing, all school activities, including athletics and after care, will be canceled.