

Weather Emergency Guide

In case of a weather emergency, the following notifications will be made:

SCHOOL MESSENGER COMMUNICATE
Automatic phone, email and text messages to registered families

RADIO/TV STATIONS
Broadcast school closings, delayed openings and early dismissals

NJ 101.5 - www.nj1015.com
NEWS 12 NJ - www.news12.com
WABC Channel 7 - www.abc7ny.com
WNBC Channel 4 - www.nbcnewyork.com
Fox 5/WNYW - www.fox5ny.com
District Website - www.bernardsboe.com



**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND
RETAIN THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR
REFERENCE.**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
Nick Markarian**

Winter and the inevitable snow and icy roads are approaching. This will outline school procedures in weather emergency situations. The schools will be open as scheduled, except in the event that roads are so hazardous that travel would endanger the children and staff.

Special attention should be paid to delayed opening instructions to avoid any confusion in the event that you have children in more than one school. For a delayed opening, school buses will be on a 2-hour delay.

I hope this information will prove helpful to you through the coming months. We thank Janet Lubaszka, Transportation Coordinator, and the wonderful bus drivers for their most important contributions. By working together, we can keep the schools open whenever possible and our children safe.

There are 3 ways to receive emergency notifications:

1. School Messenger Communicate is an automated system that will send phone, email and text messages. There is no need to sign up for School Messenger. Contact information is taken from the Genesis student information system and loaded into School Messenger. Therefore, please keep your contact information in Genesis up-to-date.
2. Visit our website at www.bernardsboe.com.
3. See the list of radio/tv stations that will broadcast the information.

Delayed Opening

This decision is made by 5:45 AM when the weather is forecast to clear and the police and road department personnel believe that the roads will be passable.

We urge you to check www.bernardsboe.com, and/or the radio and TV for announcements. On days when there is a delayed opening, all buses will pick up students approximately 2 hours later for Ridge, Annin, and all elementary schools.

CHANGE OF PLANS

If the forecaster was wrong and weather and road conditions do not improve, it may seem wise to cancel school for the day instead of having a delayed opening. In this case, the radio and TV stations will be notified and the district website will be updated. This decision is made by 7:30 AM.

PRESCHOOL PALS

AM program will be canceled for the day. PM students will be picked up at the usual time.

PRESCHOOL CBAP - FULL DAY

Start Time: 11:00AM

Dismissal will be at the usual time.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

When the roads are determined to be safe, out-of-district students will be transported to their respective schools.

VO-TECH

The AM & PM VoTech bus will arrive at its normal time unless VoTech is closed due to weather conditions. If it is an emergency delay due to weather and road conditions, then the AM VoTech bus will follow the Ridge High delay schedule. Otherwise, it will arrive at its normal time.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner,
Oak Street and Mount Prospect

Start Time: 10:45AM

Dismissal Time: 3:15PM

William Annin Middle School

Start Time: 9:45AM

Dismissal Time: 2:20PM

Ridge High School

Start Time: 9:35AM

Dismissal Time: 2:25PM

On a delayed opening, there is no instruction before school start times and no before care.



Early Dismissal

Students will be dismissed early only in extreme situations. In a rare instance of an early dismissal, the decision is made by 10:30 AM. Radio and TV stations will be notified and the district website will be updated. Creating a family emergency plan is critical. Please be sure your children fully understand what to do and where to go for refuge if they should arrive home and find you not there. This is important—not only for their well being, but also for your own peace of mind as we cannot guarantee that you will receive notification of the early dismissal.

On an early dismissal, there is no instruction after school dismissal times and no after care. Lunch will not be served on these days.

PRESCHOOL PALS

AM students will leave school at 11:45 AM.
PM program will be canceled for the day.

PRESCHOOL CBAP - FULL DAY

School will start at the usual time.
Dismissal Time: 1:00PM

OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

Schools will release these students on an individual basis. Parents should contact these schools for their early dismissal procedures.

VO-TECH

The PM VoTech bus will arrive at its normal time unless VoTech is closed due to weather conditions.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner,
Oak Street and Mount Prospect
Start Time: 8:45 AM
Dismissal Time: 12:45PM

William Annin Middle School
Start Time: 7:45 AM
Dismissal Time: 11:45AM

Ridge High School
Start Time: 7:35 AM
Dismissal Time: 11:45AM

School Cancellation

The decision is made by 5:45 AM, with the advice of the police and road departments. We urge you to check www.bernardsboe.com and/or the radio and TV for announcements. In the event of a school closure, there will be no before or after care program at the middle and elementary schools.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

On days when school is canceled in Bernards Township, no transportation will be provided for out-of-district students.

PLEASE NOTE: Non-public school students who ride on Bernards Township school buses should follow their individual school instructions for procedures in the event of a weather emergency.



Bernards Township Public Schools



RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
(908) 204-2585

268 So. Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge
Nurse's Office ext. 151

WILLIAM ANNIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
(908) 204-2610

70 Quincy Road, Basking Ridge
Nurse's Office (908) 204-2615

LIBERTY CORNER SCHOOL
(908) 204-2550

61 Church Street, Liberty Corner
Nurse's Office ext. 104

MOUNT PROSPECT SCHOOL
(908) 470-1600

111 Hansom Road, Basking Ridge
Nurse's Office ext. 142

CEDAR HILL SCHOOL
(908) 204-2633

100 Peachtree Road, Basking Ridge
Nurse's Office ext. 103

OAK STREET SCHOOL
(908) 204-2565

70 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge
Nurse's Office ext. 103

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