

CLOSING SCHOOLS FOR THE DAY

Who decides to close the schools or open them late?

The Superintendent of Schools makes the decision based on: (1) road conditions; (2) area weather reports and local weather conditions; (3) checks of road conditions throughout the area by school district personnel; and (4) the recommendation of the Transportation Supervisor.

When is the decision made to close the schools and how is it conveyed to the public?

The decision must be made before 6:00 a.m. Information on school closing (or delayed opening) will be provided in the following manner:

Announcements will be made on local radio stations and on Cablevision news channel 12, Long Island.

Notification will be posted on the school district website (www.fpbsd.org) and will be sent from the schools' mass notification system via text, phone, or email.

How will pupils attending the non-public schools be affected if the Floral Park-Bellerose Public Schools declare a school closing before 6:00 a.m.?

All school bus transportation within the district area is canceled. Resident students attending private, parochial, BOCES, and other special schools outside the area should not expect bus transportation.

DELAYED OPENINGS

What are the advantages of a one or two hour delayed opening?

A delayed opening enables the buses to travel during a less congested period. It allows time for plows to clear streets, residents to move cars, and sidewalks to be shoveled. It permits the normal traffic flow and/or warmer temperatures to melt or clear snow accumulations on roads. It promotes safer travel for pupils and school personnel. It avoids closing schools unnecessarily.

How will children be notified of a delayed opening?

You will be notified via our mass notification system by approximately 6:00 a.m. Notification will also appear on the School District website (www.fpbsd.org).

THE DELAYED SCHOOL OPENING SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Floral Park-Bellerose School

<u>Grades</u>	<u>One-Hour Delay</u>	<u>Two-Hour Delay</u>
Pre-K	10:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Kindergarten	9:45 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
1 & 2	9:45 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
3 - 6	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.

John Lewis Childs School

<u>Grades</u>	<u>One-Hour Delay</u>	<u>Two-Hour Delay</u>
Pre-K	9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Kindergarten	9:15 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
1 - 6	9:15 a.m.	10:15 a.m.

A delayed school opening means the a.m. bus schedule will also be delayed one or two hours. For example, if your child's bus is normally scheduled to arrive at 8:15 a.m., a one-hour delay will change it to 9:15 a.m. and a two-hour delay will change it to 10:15 a.m.

A delayed opening is subject to change if the weather and/or road conditions remain hazardous. The Superintendent of Schools retains the option to issue a subsequent order directing a school closing. This option will be exercised only when the potential for a hazardous situation exists. If a decision to close schools is not made by 7:00 a.m., the delayed opening will remain in effect.

How will students attending the non-public schools or special transportation be affected by a delayed opening?

Unless the receiving school is closed, we will transport students attending non-public schools or special transportation one or two hours later depending on the delay.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Will there be an early dismissal?

Elementary school children will not be released before the regular dismissal time due to weather.

School Closings, Delayed Openings, And Early Dismissal Procedures For Severe Weather And Other Emergencies



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Pupil Safety is our Prime Concern

Pupil Safety is always the prime concern. For this reason, snowstorms and other adverse weather conditions or emergency situations may necessitate closing schools for the day or opening on a delayed schedule. Any decision to close or postpone school will be based solely on concerns for the safety of children.