



Emergency Information & Practices

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School Closures

If local public school districts (North Kitsap and/or Bainbridge) close, WSA will be closed unless it is for an issue specific to one of their buildings (such as a sewer back up). If public districts delay for 2 hours, WSA will have a 10 am start time.

Closure & Urgent Notifications

WSA uses "Parent Alert" through RenWeb to send school wide text messages and emails for urgent issues only. Parents will receive a text message and email through Parent Alert when school is closed due to inclement weather. Please be sure the phone numbers listed in RenWeb for you are accurate.

We also want to remind families that you may pick up children anytime during the day if you are concerned about being able to transport yourselves home safely. Since our families come from so many different communities with varying road and driving conditions, please do not hesitate to stay home or pick up early from school to ensure the safety of your family. Please be sure to report any absences to frontdesk@westsoundacademy.org.

Any time an inclement weather event occurs during the school day, please stay close to your phone so that we may keep you informed of any early school closures. If work makes it difficult for you to pick up a child early, please arrange for a back up plan now with another family or friend who can pick up your child until you are off work.

Students residing in Jefferson County may be sent home or school cancelled entirely depending on driving conditions and circumstances. Those students and families are contacted through the normal text group to communicate changes in plans.

Lockdown or Major Emergent Events

Please refer to the Emergency Student Release Plan document to know the school's practices should there be a lockdown or major emergent event such as an earthquake at the school. It is vital that parents do not overwhelm our phone lines or put students at risk with multiple phone calls to their cell phones. This document clearly explains what to do as a parent in these situations so keeping a copy on the hard drive of your computer and a printed copy on hand is recommended.

Sources for School Closures

- www.schoolreport.org and choose Kitsap and Mason County. Look at the results for Bainbridge School District and North Kitsap School District. WSA may not be listed under private schools.
- www.komonew.com – look for their school report page
- www.kitsapgov.com has a road closures page as well which can be helpful for rain and severe wind events