



# 2015-2016 EMERGENCY and SAFETY BULLETIN

In the event of inclement weather or an emergency situation, the Puyallup School District takes every precaution to ensure the safety of students. Arrangements have been made with radio stations, TV stations, and Internet sites to broadcast emergency information regarding the operation of school.

## Inclement Weather Information

The school district will keep the community informed through the Public Schools Emergency Communications System on the following radio stations, TV stations, and Internet sites:



### Radio and Television Stations

KIRO Radio 97.3 FM  
KOMO Radio 1000 AM or 97.7 FM  
KOMO TV Channel 4  
KING TV Channel 5 or KONG TV Channel 6  
KIRO TV Channel 7

If the Puyallup School District is not mentioned during the news broadcast, school will be open with buses operating on as normal a schedule as possible. Broadcasts begin at 5:30 a.m.

### Blackboard Connect

The school district's Blackboard Connect automated parent notification system can rapidly alert parents of weather-related school closures or changes in start or dismissal times. The system is programmed to call the primary number that parents/guardians have listed on their child's enrollment card.

### Internet Sites

- [www.flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net)
- [www.puyallup.k12.wa.us](http://www.puyallup.k12.wa.us)  
(click the Emergency Info button at the top of any page on this Puyallup School District website).

## Emergency During School

The district has a centralized Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and each school site has a building EOC. These EOC teams have developed plans for and hold drills on a variety of crises including fire, earthquakes, Sheltering-In-Place, intruders, and lahar (valley schools). As part of these emergency plans, trained staff members are ready to respond to emergencies in the schools. Depending on the type of emergency, decisions affecting schools will be made by district officials in collaboration with the Pierce County Sheriff and Puyallup Police Department. Please do not call the school, Transportation department, or district office. If the phone lines are working, they will be used for emergency communication. The district will communicate decisions to parents and the community via radio, television, Blackboard Connect, and the Internet.

## Emergency Announcements

The following is an explanation of several district announcements used during inclement weather or other emergency situations:

### Closed or Schools Closed

No schools are in session in the Puyallup School District. This applies only to the day that the announcement is made. There is no out-of-district transportation. The district will communicate whether or not after-school and evening activities will be held.

### Late Start

- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday — All Grades**  
In the event of a weather-related or other two-hour late start on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, bus pick-up schedules will be two hours late, and buses will try to operate on all normal routes. Classes will dismiss at the normal time unless otherwise announced. The following classes or programs will not be held: morning (a.m.) and extended day preschool, and a.m. SUMMIT at Sparks. YMCA daycare also will run two hours late. Lunches will be served throughout the district.
- **Monday — All Grades**  
Elementary, junior high, high school, Gateway, and Advance students will start school one hour later than their regular Monday late start bell schedules. Lunches will be served. Students will be dismissed at their normal Monday release times. Extended day preschool and a.m. SUMMIT will not be held. SUMMIT and SOS (p.m.) students will begin and end school on regular time.



### Safety Tips for Walking or Riding Bikes to School

**Be seen:** Wear bright-colored clothes, and if it is dark or hard to see, carry a flashlight and wear reflective gear on items such as backpacks and shoes. Bicyclists who ride in the dark are required by law to have their bikes equipped with a white headlight and a red rear reflector or taillight.

**Dress appropriately:** Layering is warmth. Wear many layers of loose clothing, as this ensures that there are pockets of air between the clothing layers that insulate the body from the cold.

**Make sure bicycles and bicycle equipment are in working order:** Before riding a bike to school, check to see that the tires are inflated, the drivetrain is clean and lubricated, and the brakes work. Keep both hands ready to brake. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain, since brakes are less efficient when wet. Wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet.