

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS AT GATEWAY

Huntington – With winter fast approaching, it is time to remind parents and students how to find out if school is delayed or cancelled due to winter storms!

Parents who have a current telephone number on file with the district will receive an auto-dialed phone call between 5 and 5:30 a.m. announcing the closure or delay. Anyone who does not wish to receive that call should contact Stacy Stewart at 685-1011.

If you've downloaded our free mobile app (Gateway Regional School District in Google Play or the App Store) you will receive a push notification on your smart phone. If you'd prefer to receive a text message on your cell phone, you can now subscribe on our website! Go to www.grsd.org/communication to sign up. You may choose several items—including text message alerts, event notifications, or subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter *Breaking News*—using a very simple form. You may also unsubscribe or update your preferences any time. Notices are also made on Instagram and on the Gateway Regional School District Facebook Page.

Gateway has a direct telephone number (685-1001) where callers may hear a recorded message regarding school closings and delays. Cancellation and delay information will also be posted on the front page of the Gateway website at www.grsd.org.

As in the past, school closings in the Gateway District are also announced over the following radio stations: WMAS (94.7 FM/1450 AM), WHMP (99.3FM/1400AM), WHYN (93.1 FM, 97.9 FM, 640 AM and 560 AM) and ROCK 102 (102 FM). Television stations WWLP (Channel 22), WGGB (Channel 40 and Fox 6), and WSHM (Channel 3-Springfield) will relay school closing announcements for Gateway schools on their stations and websites. NECN (New England Cable News) will post Gateway closings on their website.

All student activities are cancelled when school is closed, has a two-hour delayed start, or students are released early due to weather. Due to low attendance, Wrap Around will be closed on snow days this year. Wrap Around WILL continue to be open for delayed start days and early release days.

The decision to close or delay school is usually made by 5:30 a.m. and is based upon information from local and national weather stations, town highway departments, police departments, and bus contractors. In the event of a two-hour delay, your child's school will open exactly two hours later than usual. Breakfast and morning snacks will not be served. School lunch and afternoon preschool classes will be offered as usual on delayed-start days.

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