



Richard Stockton Elementary School

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION – INCLEMENT WEATHER

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To All Parents/Guardians of Stockton School Students:

I am writing to share procedures we all need to adhere to in order to enable the safest arrival and dismissal of our students. Please be advised that we have allowed families to drive up the driveway during inclement weather **starting at 8:55 a.m.** There should be no parking as this is strictly a drop off zone. Parents must not pass cars or busses in front of them that are dropping off students. Please adhere to this request for the safety of all students and staff.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe as they cross the streets coming to school and going home.

Delayed Openings/Early Dismissal

The following are the district's guidelines on school closings, delayed openings and early dismissals. All changes will be posted on the district website: <http://www.chclc.org> and on Cable Channel 19 or 24 as well as KYWSchools.com the district **Twitter feed**, **Facebook page**, **Instagram** and also an announcement using our District Notification System and local television stations (3, 6, and 10).

2 Hour Delayed Opening:

In the event of a delayed opening, the school schedule will be delayed two hours.

- Grades Kindergarten – Gr.5 hours are from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- SACC/EDCC opens on a two-hour delay—at 9:00 a.m. all SACC sites will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Bus routes will begin two hours later than normal
- Regular lunches will be available as scheduled.

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1:00 PM Early Dismissal:

- Grades Kindergarten – 5 hours are from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Lunch will be offered from 10:15 – 11:30 a.m.)

Emergency Dismissal:

Elementary school students will be dismissed at their normal dismissal time. On those rare occasions, due to a winter storm intensifying, elementary school principals will activate a process notifying parents.

Notice of emergency dismissal will be posted on the website, calls to parents/guardians using the automated emergency phone list, Cable Channel 19 or 24, on KYWSchools.com and on Channels 3, 6, and 10.

- SACC will stay open until the last child is picked up.
- All afternoon extracurricular activities, including **STEP PROGRAMS WILL BE CANCELLED.**

Inclement Weather

When it is necessary to close schools or to delay openings because of weather conditions (heavy snow, icy roads), **the school district informs parents by using an automated notification phone system, KYWSchools.com and TV stations, the district's website, CHPS TV, Cable Channel 19 or 24 and www.chclc.org.** as well as the district **Twitter feed, Facebook page, and district Instagram.** The decision is made by 5:30 a.m. The system **will not** notify parents/staff after **10:30 p.m.** or before **5:45 a.m.** The announcement will indicate whether our schools are closed or opening on a delayed schedule. Parents are requested to monitor any of the major radio/television stations, **CABLE TV-CHANNELS 19, 24 or KYWSchools.com.** **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOLS, RADIO STATIONS OR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Please keep in mind that the decision to change school schedules due to inclement weather is based on the best information available when the decision is made; however, we can never be sure how the weather will affect our area. We appreciate your patience and understanding in these matters. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Public Information Office at 429-5600, ext. 4325.

Respectfully,

Jim Riordan
Principal