

Severe Weather Response

The district takes responsibility for deciding whether to close school or if it will remain open in the instances of extremely inclement weather. A number of factors are considered by the district and its leadership team when deciding to close or delay the opening of schools:

- The safety of students and staff
- The ability of buses to access neighborhood streets safely transport students to and from school
- The potential for workday disruptions related to last-minute child care arrangements
- Closure decisions by adjacent school districts.

Note: When school is canceled, all after school activities and evening activities are also canceled unless otherwise noted.

Summer

In the wake of an anticipated heat wave, New Haven Public Schools is urging friends and families to keep an eye on vulnerable people in the middle of heat waves. It's important to remember that elderly relatives and young children can be more vulnerable in the hot weather and they need to drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration.

Cooling Centers

When Heat Wave protocols are engaged with the City of New Haven Cooling Centers are activated for the general public to use:

- Hall of Records - 200 Orange St
- Fair Haven Library - 182 Grand Ave
- Mitchell Branch Library - 37 Harrison St
- Stetson Brand Library - 200 Dixwell Ave
- Courtland Seymour Wilson Branch Library - 303 Washington Ave

Splash Pads

Are also available to residents across the city.

- South Genesee Park
- Lincoln Bassett School
- Edgewood Park
- Kensington Playground
- Scantlebury Park
- Ann Street Playground
- Jocelyn Square Park
- Cedar Hill Playground
- Trowbridge Sq Park
- Criscuolo Park
- Lewis St Park
- Dover Beach
- Galvin Playground
- Lighthouse Point Park

Winter

Heavy Snow Storms - We all know that heavy snow can immobilize a region and paralyze a city, stranding commuters, stopping the flow of supplies, and disrupting emergency and medical services. Accumulations of snow can collapse buildings and knock down trees and power lines. When snow is accompanied by wind, travel becomes even more hazardous. School bus routes may be blocked by drifting snow and travel may be hindered by near whiteout conditions. Oftentimes, bus service is delayed or unavailable.

Ice Storms - Heavy accumulations of ice can bring down trees, utility lines, and communication towers, blocking roads and causing power outages. Roadways become a glaze of ice and nearly impassable. Again, school buses may be delayed or unavailable.

Updates on Delay/Closures

A rapid notification phone system to call all student households when a school must be closed for emergency reasons. In cases of inclement weather or emergency situations, parents should receive a phone call around or before 6:00am if their contact information with the school is up to date.

In addition, local broadcasting stations will have information about emergency school closings. School closings are also posted to the NHPS website homepage, for ease of access.

The following is a list of criteria that must be implemented by school personnel and staff in order to maximize the environment for students and staff:

- Close shades and drapes where appropriate.
- Shut down non-essential electronic devices in order to allow appropriate energy flow to potentially overtaxed cooling systems.
- Turn off unused or unnecessary lights.
- Allow breaks for hydration and staff throughout the day.
- Limit physical and outdoor activities for students.

The Facilities Department staff has implemented:

- To streamline instances of equipment or system failure or emergencies, it is advised to submit a work order as soon as possible. To ensure an allocation of resources and services, and track results in the most efficient manner.