



The Education Cooperative (TEC) Winter Weather Protocol

CANCELLING SCHOOL

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

The Executive Director is responsible for the final decision, based on various weather related factors, local road conditions and power outages.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

We try to make the decision by 5:30 am or earlier so that the TV stations can be notified.

HOW WILL YOU KNOW IF TEC HAS CANCELED SCHOOL?

Unless you are contacted by TEC and told otherwise:

1. All TEC programs located at TEC Campus School 141 Mansion Drive, E. Walpole will follow the school cancelation decision made by The Walpole Public Schools. If the Walpole Schools are closed or delayed, all TEC programs in Walpole are closed.
2. TEC programs at Westwood High School will follow the school cancelation decision made by The Westwood Public Schools. If the Westwood Schools are closed or delayed, the TEC programs in Westwood High School are closed.
3. TEC programs at Hopkinton Middle School will follow the school cancelation decision made by The Hopkinton Public Schools. If the Hopkinton Schools are closed or delayed, the TEC programs in Hopkinton High School are closed.

Transportation:

Please be aware that if your local community cancels school but TEC does not, school van transportation to TEC might not be available to transport your child.

DELAYING SCHOOL

If conditions are such that local communities need extra time to plow the roads or sand the streets, our programs may have a delayed start time. Under this plan, the opening of school and all bus pickups will be delayed two hours, respective to the start time at your child's program.

On a two-hour delay day, TEC programs will dismiss at their regular times.

HOW WILL YOU BE NOTIFIED?

Please check for announcements starting at 6:00 a.m. on television stations Channel 4, 5, 7, and Fox 25.

The following websites also list school closings:

- <https://www.boston25news.com/weather/schoolclosings>
- <https://www.wcvb.com/weather/closings>
- <https://whdh.com/storm-closings-delays/>
- <https://boston.cbslocal.com/closings/>

A school closing or delay message will also be posted on the TEC Website: tec-coop.org

A recorded phone message and text may also be sent to each family's primary phone contact through our mass notification system, K12 Alerts.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Under rare circumstances, the Executive Director may determine that inclement weather that threatens to make the afternoon commute unsafe requires an early dismissal from school.

If such a decision is made, TEC will notify families using the emergency notification automated phone, text and email system so that all phone numbers on record for both parents will be called (home, mobile, and work) in addition to both parents' emails.

Questions?

Please speak with your child's Program Director:

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