

# Owego Apalachin Central School District

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## Emergency Closing Procedures

OA Schools will use the following communication channels to inform students, staff and community members of any school closings or delays:

*District Website:* [www.oacsd.org](http://www.oacsd.org)

*District Facebook Page:* <https://www.facebook.com/oa.schools/>

*District Twitter Page:* @OAUpdate

*Local News:* YNN News 10 Now, WICZ-Fox 40, WENY-Elmira, WBNG News 12, WIVT News Channel 34

*Radio:* Various Local Stations

### Mid-Day School Closing

If a decision is made during the school day to send students home early due to inclement weather, notice will be made as soon as possible via the communication listed above as well as a SchoolMessenger call to all parents with detailed information regarding the early release.

### New Three-Hour Delay

The district is adding a new option for morning delays this year. We will be instituting a three-hour delay, in addition to the one and two-hour delays already in place. Use of this delay will allow extra time for our local municipalities and school maintenance to clear snow, if necessary. The schedule with a three-hour delay is consistent with early-release days in terms of number of hours of instruction for a half-day of school.

A three-hour delay can also limit the use of snow days. Last school year we were forced to add an additional day of instruction before the Memorial Day weekend due to using more than our allotted number of inclement weather days. Although that was necessary in order to meet the state and federal requirements, it can sometimes interfere with pre-arranged plans for students and their families.

### School Delay Information

One-Hour Delay: Middle/High School begin at 8:40am, Elementary begins at 10:05am

Two-Hour Delay: Middle/High School begin at 9:40am, Elementary begins at 11:05am (no AM UPK)

Three-Hour Delay: Middle/High School begin at 10:40am, Elementary begins at 12:05pm (no AM UPK)

Bus stop arrivals will be delayed the same number of hours. During inclement weather, buses may be delayed past a typical arrival time.