



WASHINGTON LATIN  
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
A Classical Education for the Modern World

## EMERGENCY/INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

### SCHOOL OPERATIONS

- **Washington Latin makes its decision independent of DCPS.**
- A decision about CLOSING or a DELAYED OPENING will be made and announced by 6:30 am.
  - **Closed** means no school, no afterschool or evening activities; these will be rescheduled as early as possible.
  - **Delayed opening** means school will start one or two hours later than usual (9:10 or 10:10 am) with an adjusted schedule.
- If a closure or delay is necessary, we will contact families as early as possible via email and text through PowerSchool. We will not call parents for inclement weather.
- Our operational status will also be posted on the [latinpcs.org home page](http://latinpcs.org) and [parents' home page](#) and social media (Facebook, Twitter).
- We will also share information with the local media, including TV news, radio, and online (*Washington Post*, WAMU, etc.)

**If you do not receive a text/email from the school or find any information online, the school will open on time.**

### ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Our goal is to avoid cancelling team activities (practices or games) unless necessary. We monitor the following, and any of these issues may require us to postpone, move, or cancel an activity:

- Field conditions (particularly if very wet)
- Extreme temperatures (heat or cold)
- High winds
- Significant rain
- Lightning in a 10-mile radius
  - Monitored, if only lightning but not thunder
  - If thunder is heard, all student athletes are brought indoors and activity is suspended until there is a minimum of 30 minutes between thunder claps. If thunder continues with frequency, the activity will be cancelled/postponed.

We will alert athletes, coaches, and families of any changes ASAP but not later than the end of school for that day's activities. Any changes will be announced via email to student athletes and parents, posted on our [athletics web site](#) and to social media.

**Note:** on bad weather days, coaches may call for athletes to come for an alternative to practice, such as an indoor "chalk talk." Student athletes should check their emails or ask their coaches, if in doubt about the day's activities!

***When school is closed for weather, all athletic activities are also cancelled.***