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Schools Closed for Tuesday, Darien Library to Open Late, Other Closures, Delays Announced

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Darien Public Schools will be closed today, Tuesday, Dec. 17, the district announced, and Darien Library announced it will have a delayed opening at 10 a.m., all due to the weather.

This article was last updated at 6:23 a.m.

Here's the district's announcement on the public schools website:

- Due to inclement weather, the Darien Public Schools will be closed today, Tuesday December 17, 2019. Stay warm and safe!

When Darien schools close, kindergarten and preschool programs in town also close, and Darien Senior Center closes. Senior programs in Norwalk and Stamford are also closed for the day.

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St. Luke's School in New Canaan is also closed. The school said on its website: "Due to the road conditions and forecast, classes are canceled for today. The Cocoa and Carols a capella concert is on schedule for 7 p.m. tonight (an announcement will be made if it's necessary to cancel). "

These private schools are also closed in the area: Brunswick School, Greenwich Academy, Greens Farms Academy.

Public schools in Stamford, Norwalk and New Canaan are also closed. J.M. Wright Technical High School is closed "Monday Morning," according to the WFSB-TV [weather closings Web page](#).

Norwalk Community College is closed until noon, [NCC said on Twitter](#).

Stepping Stones Museum for Children in Norwalk

Weather Forecast

A "Winter Weather Advisory" [has been issued](#) by the National Weather Service and is in effect until 10 a.m. for southern Fairfield County and the New York metropolitan area due to expected "mixed precipitation. Additional snow accumulations of up to one inch and ice accumulations of a light glaze."

The weather service advised: "Slow down and use precaution while traveling."

Here's the weather service's [forecast for Darien](#) (as of 4:56 a.m.):

Overnight

Rain. Low around 33. Wind chill values between 25 and 30. Northeast wind around 14 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Tuesday

Rain or freezing rain, becoming all rain after 9am. High near 37. Wind chill values between 25 and 30. North wind 10 to 16 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Little or no ice accumulation expected.

Tuesday Night

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A 20 percent chance of rain before 10pm. Cloudy during the early evening, then gradual clearing, with a low around 27. Wind chill values between 15 and 20. Northwest wind 10 to 14 mph.

Wednesday

A 20 percent chance of snow showers after 3pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 37. Wind chill values between 15 and 25. West wind 11 to 17 mph.

Wednesday Night

Partly cloudy, with a low around 17. Blustery, with a northwest wind 20 to 22 mph, with gusts as high as 34 mph.

Thursday

Sunny, with a high near 25.

School District Weather Policy

From the Darien Public Schools [website](#):

During adverse weather conditions, the decision to cancel school, delay the opening of school, or dismiss school early is primarily informed by the need to ensure the safety of students and staff.

The final decision will ultimately be made by the Superintendent of Schools. Conditions are assessed between 4:00-4:30 a.m. unless weather conditions the previous evening warrant a cancellation. A decision will be based upon information from a variety of sources, such as the weather service, the police and public works department.