



Provident Families:

Weather Related Delays

During the 2025-2026 school year, PCS Central will call for a weather-related 2-hour delay (referred to as 'delay') if the Pittsburgh Public School District (PPS) calls for a delay. PCS West will call for a delay if Ambridge Area School District calls for a delay. PCS families will be notified about delays via text or phone via our automatic notification system. Additionally, all local news outlets will display "Provident Charter School Central" or "Provident Charter School West" on their closing and delay boards. Students should report to school at 9:45 am to receive instruction following a compressed two hour delay schedule at both buildings. Modified breakfast will be available.

If Provident Charter School Central and/or West has indicated a weather-related 2-hour delay, but your local transportation district does not, **you should not put your child on the bus.** It is the family's responsibility to transport students to their respective buildings by 9:45 am.

Flexible Instruction Days

During the 2025-2026 school year, PCS Central and West will be utilizing Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs), which may be used in place of in-person instruction for any of the following reasons (as identified by the Pennsylvania Department of Education): a disease epidemic, a hazardous weather condition, a law enforcement emergency, the inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the public-school entity's operation, damage to school buildings or another temporary circumstance rendering any portion of a school building unfit or unsafe for use.

On a FID, students will participate in virtual, synchronous instruction provided by teachers following a delay so that teachers may adequately prepare for virtual instruction.

Benefits of Flexible Instruction Days

In the event of a cancellation of in-person instruction, implementing FIDs will eliminate the need for make-up days. PCS Central and West can each use up to five (5) FIDs per school year. FIDs are considered a school day and count toward the number of instructional days/hours required under Article 15 of the Public School Code and Chapter 11 of the State Board of Education regulations.

How will I know if there is a Flexible Instruction Day?

Families will be informed of a FID through PCS's notification system in the same way that school closings/delays are currently announced. Notifications will be distributed via automated calls, texts, emails, or posts on all local news programming and the school website (www.providentcharterschool.org).

Will PCS Central and West have the same FID days?

A FID will occur as a result of building closure. Depending on local weather conditions Central and West may close and initiate a FID **independently**. Each building has up to five days to utilize as a FID.

What will be expected of my child during a FID?

Students will not report to their school building on a FID. Students are required to participate in virtual synchronous instruction delivered by their teachers following a 2-hour delay (Start Time 9:45 am).

- Individual grade level schedules will be shared with families by teacher teams no later than November 24th, 2025.
- Students should access the Google Meet link shared on their individual Schoology Course pages for each of their respective classes throughout the day.
- Students should access all instructional materials and assignments for the day via Schoology.
- Attendance will be taken by classroom teachers in Schoology during each class period.

What if my student(s) do not have access to the internet on a FID?

If a student and/or family does not have access to the internet, the student should complete one of the Alternative to Synchronous Learning Day Packets that will be provided in a folder on Monday, November 17th, 2025. These packets contain independent practice aligned with grade-level standards from the core content areas of Math, English, Language Arts, Science, Related Arts, and Social Studies. Students who did not attend virtual synchronous instruction on a FID must turn in one completed packet within 7 calendar days of the scheduled FID to be considered present for school attendance.

How does attendance work on a FID?

Attendance will be taken by teachers on a FID. Students must attend school virtually (synchronously). If a student is absent, the parent/guardian must provide a written excuse or the absence will be considered unexcused. If a student cannot access virtual instruction on a FID, the student will be marked absent until the student submits the corresponding Alternative to Synchronous Learning Day Packet along with documentation from the parent/guardian that internet access was inaccessible. If the student does not submit the Alternative to Synchronous Learning Day Packet

within 7 days from the scheduled FID and a written parent/guardian excuse is not provided, the student will remain absent unexcused.

What can I do to prepare for a FID at home?

Before implementing a FID, please familiarize yourself with Google Meet and Schoology. At school, teachers will also work to familiarize students with their Schoology Course Pages and Google Meet. However, students in Grades 1-5 may still need some support in accessing this on a FID. In addition, work on establishing a routine for charging your student's 1:1 device while at home. For families that have completed initial technology paperwork, student devices in grades 5-8 have already been traveling between home and school. For students in grades 1-4, devices will begin traveling home in the month of December.

How can I contact a teacher or staff member during a FID?

Teachers/staff provide instruction and live support during a FID. If you have questions, please email a teacher or staff member and they will respond when available. If you are having difficulties accessing a Google Meet link, please email the teacher.