



Wheatland School District
Flood Evacuation Information Sheet

In the event of a flood, the Office of Emergency Services and the Wheatland School District Administration will operate and coordinate the closure of schools and the evacuation of the affected areas. Student safety is our priority. During a flood evacuation, the District will seek to reunite students with families to the extent possible, and time permitting. If prompt reunification is not possible, the District will implement each school's evacuation plan.

Typically, there are two possible causes for flooding:

1. Slow water rise may occur, resulting in a break of the levee or water rising over the top of the levee. In this case, schools will usually have enough advance warning to be closed according to county flood plans. School site evacuation will usually not be necessary.
2. Dam failure may affect Wheatland schools in a variety of scenarios. The necessary emergency response will be based on which dam fails, the level of water behind the dam, and whether it is an immediate dam failure or if there is advanced warning.

During a flood, if there is sufficient advanced warning, each affected school will be closed at the end of the regular school day, students will be sent home, and parents will be notified via auto-dialer of future school closures. If students are currently in attendance and evacuation is necessary, parents will be notified promptly via auto-dialer, the protocols for student pick-up will be implemented as follows:

1. Prior to their children being released, parents must sign out their children with a member of the school staff.
2. Only people listed on the student's emergency cards as emergency contacts may sign out a student. *(Please make sure your phone numbers and emergency contacts are updated)*

Of course, during an evacuation, your child's teacher or a school staff member will remain with your child until they are picked up by a family member or person who has permission to pick them up.

Be assured that as with all school districts, Wheatland School District has clear and well-designed emergency plans in place that guide our response to the numerous situations that could threaten the safety of our students.

It is important to note that Wheatland is higher than most areas in Yuba County. The likelihood of flooding in Wheatland is very slim. If we were to experience the Oroville Dam Failure, we would have at least 8 hours to react before any water would reach our area.

Any questions may be directed to the Superintendent or the Site Principals as follows:

Sincerely,
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