

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The superintendent or his/her designee may order the closing, the delay in opening or the early dismissal of any or all schools in order to protect the safety and welfare of the students and staff.

Unless employees are notified that their work schedule is changed because of adverse weather or emergency conditions, it is expected that all employees will work according to the terms of their contract and division policy.

During adverse weather or emergency conditions, however, employees will follow guidelines related to work schedules. The guidelines may be reviewed by the School Board.

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Cross Ref.: GAA Staff Time Schedules

INCLEMENT WEATHER REGULATIONS

In the event of snow, ice, or any type of inclement weather that may impact school attendance, the following guidelines will be followed:

1. Weather spotters located in strategic areas of the Dickenson County will contact the Director of Transportation at the earliest sign of weather that would endanger the transportation of students to school.
2. The Director of Transportation, prior to 6:00 a.m., will contact the division superintendent and inform him/her of the prevailing conditions. At that time a decision will be made and local radio stations and TV stations will be notified of the decision in a time frame of 6:00 a.m. to 6:15 a.m. A Blackboard Connect 5 message will be made from the school division advising students and parents of the change in school schedule due to inclement weather. This information will also be posted on the DCPS website and on the DCPS Facebook page.
3. The decision reached regarding school schedule changes will be one of the following:
 - a. Three hour delay. Buses will not begin their run until 9:00 a.m., and school will begin at 11:15 a.m. A decision will be made as soon as possible but no later than 8:45 a.m.
 - c. School is canceled.
 - d. School is canceled and Code Red is called: No twelve-month employees, except essential maintenance staff, report to work due to inclement weather and dangerous road conditions.
4. Anytime the National Weather Service forecasts a wind chill factor of 0 degrees, a three-hour delay will be called.
5. If school has begun and inclement weather occurs, a timely decision will be made to the releasing of students in a safe and organized manner. Local radio stations and TV stations will be notified of the decision to dismiss. A Blackboard Connect 5 message will be made from the School division advising students and parents of the change in school schedule due to inclement weather. This information will also be posted on the DCPS website and on the DCPS Facebook page.

All decisions related to weather-related and school schedule changes are based on information from weather-spotters, the best available weather forecast information on the website, local and regional forecasts, and, **foremost** the safety of our students and staff.

For up-to-date information, please listen to one of the following local television and/or radio stations:

RADIO STATIONS

WDIC - Clinchco
WMJD - Grundy
WXBQ - Bristol
WDXC - Pound

TV STATIONS

WCYB - Bristol
WJHL - Johnson City

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