

Madison County Schools

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Dear Parents:

We are rapidly approaching the winter season. I want to share with you our procedures for dealing with inclement weather. Inclement weather may consist of snow, ice, flooding, tornado, and/or heavy wind. Our personnel carefully monitor weather conditions throughout the night. If a decision can be made during the early evening hours, we will publicize this on the 11:00 p.m. news report. Should inclement weather begin after 11:00 p.m., two types of decisions can be made and announced at 4:30 a.m.

1. We can dismiss school, wherein we would notify the media prior to the 6:00 a.m. news; or
2. We could announce a two-hour or three-hour delay. This would move the beginning time for schools from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. We may use a 3 hour delay on some occasions. Please remember that a two-hour or three hour delay could change to a closing if the weather progressively gets worse from 4:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. If a delay changes to a closing during the 4:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. time period, the media will be notified as soon as possible.

Although we will try to make decisions by 4:30 a.m., there are times due to temperature changes and unexpected precipitation we may choose to close school prior to the 8:00 a.m. start time. A list of radio and television stations that we will use to communicate school delays and dismissals is printed with this letter. Parents are encouraged to monitor these stations, as well as scanners if available, to determine if changes have been made.

We will use our all-call system to notify parents by telephone when any decisions or changes are made. If you are not receiving all-calls please notify your principal to get placed on the call list. We will post the inclement weather decisions on our web-site. The Emergency Management Center and Sheriff's Department are also notified.

Closing schools during inclement weather requires at least two-hour notice for us to get busses refueled and have our drivers ready to transport children once they arrive at school. For this reason we ask you to make arrangements for someone to be at your home or to pick up your child should we dismiss school during the day while you are at work.

We ask for your patience, help and understanding during inclement weather. We will do our best to base our decisions on what is best and safest for all our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Holden".

Dr. Todd Holden, Superintendent
Madison County Schools

Radio Stations

WKYK (Burnsville)
WQUT 101.5 FM
WKSF/WWNC
WHBK (Marshall)
WOXL-96.5

Asheville Citizen-Times Website

TV Stations

WYFF-Channel 4
WCYB-Channel 5
WSPA-Channel 7
WJHL-Channel 11
WLOS-Channel 13
WHNS-Channel 21