

Clay County Schools

Bad Weather Policy

During hazardous weather, it sometimes becomes necessary for a decision to be made concerning the closing of schools. When a decision is made in the early morning to close schools for the day, the decision must be relayed to all students and parents. To facilitate this task, parents and students are asked to cooperate by following the information listed below:

1. Listen to one of the area radio stations (WCVP, WKRK, or WCNG FM -102.7) in the late evening or the early morning for an announcement concerning school closing. Television stations include Channel 3 (WRCB) from Chattanooga and Channel 13 (WLOS) from Asheville.
2. Check the Internet at www.cancellations.com and type in the 28904 zip code.
3. A decision to close the schools will be announced by 6:00 A.M. A ConnectEd phone call will go out to all parents that have give us a valid phone number.
4. **Do not phone the weather bureau, radio or television stations.**
5. **THE ABSENCE OF ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS MEANS THAT THE SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL.**
6. Schools will either be open, closed or on a 1 or 2 hour delay. The delay will be used on rare occasions when it looks as if conditions will improve after sunrise. The delay simply means that everything will be delayed 1 or 2 hours. The buses will leave exactly 1 or 2 hours later than they usually do, students will get on the bus 1 or 2 hours later than they normally do, and school will start 1 or 2 hours later than it normally does, but will dismiss at the regular time. If conditions do not improve within the 1-2 hour period, then school will be called off completely.
7. **Emergency School Closings** - At various times, the schools must be closed during the day because of bad weather. This will be announced on the radio as soon as the decision is made. Parents should have students informed as to where they are to go in the event school closes early. This is very important since many times buses have to be detained while students make phone calls to see where they are to go.
8. **Students who drive** - From time to time it will be necessary to have school with some roads still icy and buses will not run those roads. **All parents should make the final determination of whether or not to let their child drive to school during bad weather.**

When making a decision on opening or closing schools, school officials are primarily concerned with the safety and welfare of all students. Your usual and good cooperation is appreciated throughout these hazardous times.

Please remember that sometimes it can be hazardous in some parts of the county and clear in others. It is necessary to assess conditions in all areas of the county before making a decision.