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Inclement Weather Plans

Due to inclement weather or other emergency situations, it may be necessary to close schools for the entire day, to open schools late, or to close early. The procedures used in school closings are detailed below. Keep this information in a convenient location for future reference.

Parents are urged to make arrangements now for the care of their children when schedule changes are made (and to provide for the rare situation when it is necessary to close an individual school because of a power failure or other circumstances). Children should know where to go if a parent will not be home.

Decisions on schedule changes are made after careful study of the best information available from many sources including weather services, the highway department, the police, and NHCS transportation staff members who are out checking the roads. While no sources dealing with weather predictions can be infallible, decisions are made with one overriding consideration--the safety of the students who ride buses or walk to school each day.

NHCS has several schedules set up to deal with inclement weather; these are put into effect when conditions threaten the safety of children who are walking or riding school buses to schools. These schedules are:

(1) Keep schools closed. (2) Open two hours late. (3) Two-hour early release.

In every case of a schedule change AlertNow will be activated. The news will also be carried by radio and television stations, which are notified as soon as a decision is made.

When the decision is made that schools will be closed all day or will open two hours late, the 11 p.m. announcement will be made whenever possible. The school system will try to make a scheduling decision the night before so that parents, staff members, and students know what will happen the following day. However, there may be occasions when the decision cannot be made very early in the morning. This usually happens when precipitation is already on the ground and the temperatures are such that the precipitation on the ground is frozen or will refreeze.

When schools are closed for the day, the following will apply:

- Extracurricular activities, interscholastic contests, team practices, field trips, and recreation programs in schools and on school grounds are usually canceled. However, check with your coach or school to confirm.

When schools are opened two hours late, the following will apply:

- Schools will close at their usual Monday-Friday time.
- Offices will open on time.
- Morning field trips are canceled.

When schools are closed two hours early due to worsening weather conditions during the day, the following will apply:

- The announcement will be made by 10:30 a.m. whenever possible.
- Elementary schools will close one hour earlier than the middle and high schools. Elementary schools will close at 12:00 noon and middle and high schools will close at 1:00 p.m.
- In most cases, extracurricular activities, interscholastic contests, team practices field trips and recreation programs in schools and on school grounds are canceled. However, check with your school to confirm.

NHCS does not make an announcement when schools are open or when sports and other after-school events are being held according to schedule.