



PENNCREST

EMPOWERING LIFE-LONG LEARNERS

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Procedures for 2-hour delays, school closures and Flexible Instruction Days (FIDs)

The decision to close or delay school is never easy. It is a careful evaluation of several variables that involve many individuals throughout Crawford County. Our primary objective is to ensure students can safely travel to their bus stops and our buses can navigate the roads carefully. Each weather occurrence is unique and a delay, closure or FID depends on several variables, such as road condition/maintenance, power, heat and internet outages.

Procedure

Early in the morning, the Crawford County superintendents, transportation managers, and facility directors discuss current county and local road conditions, police and emergency calls, the progress of snow removal and school functionality. More often than not, we also have several district employees who are out driving the roads between 5:00am-6:00am to assist with our final determination.

The following are timelines we attempt to follow:

6:00am - Decision to delay, close or implement a FID

8:00am - Decision to close or implement a FID after issuing a delay

Notification

We simultaneously report delays, closures and FIDs to local media, the PENNCREST and school websites, social media and School Messenger. School delays, closings, and FIDs are also reported to Your Erie, Erie News Now and Forever Media Northwestpa.

Transportation

During a 2-hour delay, closure or FID, all PENNCREST resident children (including parochial, private, non-public, Crawford County Career and Technical Center, Bethesda and similar schools) follow the same transportation schedule. PENNCREST does not transport when closed or if implementing a FID.