

Two-Hour Late Starts

Widefield District No. 3 may use a two-hour late start as an option between closing schools or starting at the normal times. A two-hour late start may be used when a storm is passing or when additional time may be needed to prepare for students and staff arriving at their schools. Two-hour late starts will be announced by 5:30 a.m. through the same channels as a school closure. These channels include television, radio, and the district's website.

When district officials announce a two-hour late start, all start times, bus pickup times, and other standard schedules will be moved back by two hours. Morning kindergarten and morning pre-school will be canceled for that day. Certified kindergarten and pre-school staff are to report with the rest of the instructional staff.

District maintenance staff will report as scheduled by the supervisor. Administrators, identified office staff, and 12-month employees are to report as soon as they can safely arrive at their responsibility centers. Instructional staff is to report as soon as it is safe to do so, but before students are to arrive at the conclusion of the delay.

Blue Flag Days

As you know, we have been looking at blue flag days and consistency in the district. We appreciate all of your input, consideration, and flexibility in this matter. Consistency in the use of the blue flag day will assist our parent community.

We request that you adhere to the following guidelines regarding blue flag days:

The Blue Flag Temperature will be 25 degrees *including* wind chill. This is for all schools *prior* to the start of the school day.

Each school will have the flexibility to determine when they will take children out for their daily recesses - this may be when the temperature is between 10 and 25 degrees *including* wind chill.

Communication of this information to your staff and parent community in your newsletters, mailings, and handbooks.

WeatherChannel: This is the site we use at the district level to make weather related decisions. Use zip code 80911.

As a Medicaid provider, Widefield School District 3 will access Medicaid eligibility information for students enrolled in Widefield School District 3 from Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF). HCPF is the designated Medicaid agency in the state. Directory information of name and date of birth will be released to HCPF to verify Medicaid Eligibility of the students in the District. The description of health and health-related services delivered to Medicaid eligible students will be released to Medicaid and/or the District claiming agent for proper administration of the program.

Title I ESSA Information

Your child participates in a program in Widefield School District which receives funding under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. You have the right to know what professional qualifications are held by the teachers who instruct your child. The Act gives you the right to the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher is licensed or qualified for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status under which state licensing criteria have been waived.
- The college major of the teacher, any advanced degrees held by the teacher, and the subject matter of those degrees.
- What instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals, if any, provide instructional services to your child, and if so, what qualifications they possess.

If you are interested in receiving information of this sort, please contact the Human Resources office at 391-3015.