



# Manchester Local School District

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*Shaun Morgan, Superintendent*

## School Closing and 2- Hour Delays Due to Weather of Unforeseen Events

School closing due to weather is never an easy decision. The rationale of closing for families, teachers, and support staff is always based on safety. Here is how we will determine if conditions are inclement enough to cancel school. The process will begin at approximately 4:00 AM as Mr. Stafford, Director of Services and I will begin assessing road conditions by driving through the district. We will also monitor local radar. We will consult with New Franklin City safety forces and neighboring school districts due to buses traveling outside the district before a final decision is made.

After considering all of the above, then I will make the final decision. I intend to make the final determination, when possible, between 5:15 and 5:45 AM. I must forewarn however that at times the weather has changed drastically after that 5:45 AM timeline. Contacting the community and staff will be made as close to 6:00 AM as possible. The closing of school notification will be posted on our school website - [www.panthercountry.org](http://www.panthercountry.org), twitter, broadcasted by local television and radio stations and through our all-call telephone message alert system to all families and staff.

One more item that I want to share with you is that it may be possible to still have a school day if the conditions on the roads or a limited power outage could be resolved in the morning hours. This may allow us to implement a 2-Hour delay. Due to the possible inconvenience to families with scheduling child care, this 2-Hour delay will only be used on extremely rare occasions. In the event of a delayed start of school, bus and school schedules will be delayed by two hours. When there is a delay, our transportation department will also be on a 2-hour delay. The school day will end at normal time if there is a delay. The school delay start times will be as follows:

Nolley Elementary School - 10:25 AM  
Manchester Middle School - 9:40 AM  
Manchester High School - 9:45 AM  
Portage Lakes Career Center - 9:47 AM

It is important that families have a plan in place in the event of a school closing, delay, or an emergency closing after students have arrived at school. Your children and family members should know your plan so please take time to discuss your family plan in order to avoid confusion on the rare occasion of a school closure or a 2-Hour delay.

Please remember that the ultimate decision on whether or not to send your child to school on inclement weather days rests with you, the parent or guardian. If in your judgment you believe it is unsafe to send your child to school your decision will be respected.

If you have any questions with this procedure, please feel free to contact my office at 330-882-6926. Thank you for your unwavering support of Manchester Local Schools. Manchester is a great place to be!

Sincerely,

Mr. Shaun Morgan  
Superintendent