



## Newman Catholic Schools

### *Weather Related School Closing Procedures*

When considering schedule changes due to inclement weather, Newman Catholic Schools (NCS) will follow the procedures outlined in this document.

- NCS **will not always follow** the public school districts, Wausau School District (WSD) and D.C. Everest School District (DCE), for full-day closures.
- NCS **will follow** the public school districts, WSD and DCE, for delayed starts and early releases.

A school-by-school breakdown of procedures is laid out below. Any changes to these procedures will be communicated through Constant Contact, newsletters, etc. Be sure to read **ALL** announcements and updates to avoid missing information.

The following tools will be the standard of communication used to announce schedule changes due to inclement weather:

- **Facebook:** Visit the Newman Catholic Schools page.
- **NCS Website:** A pop-up notification will appear upon entering [www.newmancatholicschools.com](http://www.newmancatholicschools.com).
- **TV Stations:** Channel 9 ([www.waow.com](http://www.waow.com)) and Channel 7 ([www.wsaw.com](http://www.wsaw.com))
- **Midwest Communications Radio:** 95.5 WIFC, 101.9 WDEZ, Rock 94.7, 550AM WSAU, 1390AM Fox Sports
- **Skylert Messaging:** Digital messaging sent via email, phone, and text. You can manage your Skylert Messaging through your Skyward Family Access account. *\*Skylert may not be the fastest method for last minute changes. Please refer to the other communication tools first.*

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**Delays:** The definition of delay varies by district.

- **Wausau School District–Bus Delays** – This only affects students who are picked up by First Student. Students bused by First Student will be picked up based on the delayed time. Classes at NCES: St. Anne and Newman Catholic Middle/High School will continue to run on their normal schedule. Students that are dropped off, walk, or ride the city bus are expected to be at school at the regularly scheduled time. Three-year-old Preschool and 4K AM/PM classes at NCECC: St. Michael will be canceled when busing is delayed. Unless specified differently, child care programs at NCES: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael will run as regularly scheduled.
- **D.C. Everest School District–School Delays** –
  - **NCECC: St. Therese** – 4K AM/PM classes will be canceled. Unless specified differently, child care at NCECC: St. Therese will run as regularly scheduled.
  - **NCES: St. Mark** – This affects students who are picked up by Lamers. Students bused by Lamers will be picked up based on the delayed time. Classes at NCES: St. Mark will continue to run on their normal schedule. Students that are dropped off or walk are expected to be at school at the regularly scheduled time. Three-year-old Preschool at NCES: St. Mark will be canceled when busing is delayed. Unless specified differently, child care programs at NCES: St. Mark will run as regularly scheduled.
  - **NCMS/HS** – Busing will be delayed by two hours for students who reside in DCE and are picked up by Lamers. Classes at NCMS/HS will continue to run on their normal schedule. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays.

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### **School-by-School Procedures:**

#### ***Newman Catholic Middle and High School (NCMS/HS)***

- **Delayed Starts** – Delays only affect students riding a yellow school bus. Classes will continue to run on the normal schedule for all other students. Delayed busing is considered an excused absence. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays.
- **Early Release** – When closing early, NCMS/HS follows the WSD. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Bused students will be picked up according to the WSD early release schedule included in this document. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays. At times, the two public school districts do not align in their decisions to close early or at the same time; for example:
  - DCE closes early but WSD does not; this will affect DCE bused students only. In this case, parents of DCE bused students will be contacted letting them know when busses will arrive for pick-up. If parents wish for students to remain the entire day, they must arrange for transportation at the end of the day and notify the school.
  - WSD closes early but DCE does not; all students must be picked up by the stated release time. If a student who is bused from DCE does not have alternative transportation other than the bus home, parents should contact the office to discuss arrangements.

- **Closing** – NCMS/HS follows the "Newman Catholic Schools" closing announcements. Busing will not be available if the WSD and/or DCE closes and NCS does not.

**NCES: St. Anne**

- **Delayed Starts** – Delays only affect students riding a yellow school bus. Classes will continue to run on the normal schedule for all other students. Delayed busing is considered an excused absence. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays.
- **Early Release** – When closing early, NCES: St. Anne follows the WSD. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Bused students will be picked up according to the WSD early release schedule included in this document. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays.
- **Closing** – NCES: St. Anne follows the "Newman Catholic Schools" closing announcements. Busing will not be available if the WSD closes and NCS does not.
- **Before and After Care** – In the event that there is a delayed start, before care will still be available. In the event that there is an early release, after care will not be available. Additionally, if there is a closing, before and after care will not be available. At times, when inclement weather is anticipated in the evening, after school activities are canceled, we ask that you please pick up your child from after care as soon as possible, prior to the 5:30pm closing time.

**WSD Dismissal & Bus Pick-up Times – Early Release**  
(NCES: St. Anne and NCMS/HS)

<b>Dismissal Time (parents pick up if not riding the bus)</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>
<b>Bus Pick-up Time (First Student)</b>	11:20 am	11:50 am	12:20 pm	12:50 pm	1:20 pm

**NCES: St. Mark**

- **Delayed Starts** – Delays affect students riding a yellow school bus. Classes will continue to run on the normal schedule for all other students. Delayed busing is considered an excused absence. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays. Three-year-old Preschool will be canceled at NCES: St. Mark.
- **Early Release** – When closing early, NCES: St. Mark follows DCE. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Bused students will be picked up according to the DCE early release schedule. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays.
- **Closing** – NCES: St. Mark follows the "Newman Catholic Schools" closing announcements. Busing will not be available if DCE closes and NCS does not.
- **Wrap-Around and Before & After Care** – In the event that there is a delayed start, before care will still be available. In the event that there is an early release, after care will not be available. Additionally, if there is a closing, wrap-around and before & after care will not be available. At times, when inclement weather is anticipated in the evening, after school activities are canceled, we ask that you please pick up your child from after care as soon as possible, prior to the 5:30pm closing time.

**NCECC: St. Michael**

- **Delayed Starts** – Three-year-old Preschool and 4K AM/PM classes will be canceled at NCECC: St. Michael.
- **Early Release** – When closing early, NCECC: St. Michael follows the WSD. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays.
- **Closing** – NCECC: St. Michael’s Three-Year-Old Preschool follows the “Newman Catholic Schools” closing announcements. NCECC: St. Michael’s 4K AM/PM classes follow the “WSD” closing announcements.
- **Licensed Child Care** – Delayed starts, early releases or closures may occur to ensure the safety of students, families and employees. In these rare instances, site directors will make the best decision for the safety of all, and families will be notified directly or using the standard of communication tools.

**NCECC: St. Therese**

- **Delayed Starts** – 4K AM/PM classes will be canceled at NCECC: St. Therese.
- **Early Release** – When closing early, NCECC: St. Therese’s 4K AM/PM classes follows DCE. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Bused students will be picked up according to DCE’s announcement, which will be determined on the day of the early release. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays.
- **Closing** – NCECC: St. Therese’s 4K AM/PM classes follow the “DCE” closing announcements.
- **Licensed Child Care** – Delayed starts, early releases or closures may occur to ensure the safety of students, families and employees. In these rare instances, site directors will make the best decision for the safety of all, and families will be notified directly or using the standard of communication tools.