



AGCS Weather Closing, Delay, and Early Dismissal Procedures

The below information and guidelines are for weather related delays, closings, and early dismissals only. If a delay or early dismissal is **scheduled** as part of Avon Grove Charter School's approved academic calendar, then normal transportation arrangements will be provided by a student's sending school district./

Avon Grove Charter School does not own or directly contract with busing companies regarding the transportation of students to and from school. Busing is provided by a student's sending school district as long as the district boundary lines are within a 10-miles from the school.

In the event of a closing, delay, or early dismissal **due to weather**, Avon Grove Charter School and the Avon Grove School District will **typically** follow the same schedule - however - we are not required to.

All AGCS closing, delay, and dismissal information will be communicated to families via the website, Blackboard Communications, Schoology, social media, and the local news networks.

Please know that if there is a delay or early dismissal related to inclement weather, transportation route durations, pick up, and drop off times may vary from the norm because of road conditions, traffic, etc. Please contact your local school district's transportation department with any questions related to your child's transportation. AGCS does not have the ability to contact buses or receive information/updates from bus drivers.

The below guidelines are to help families navigate school closing and school delay situations as related to inclement weather.

These guidelines are **general practices** and are subject to change.

Flexible Instructional Days:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) approved the use of Flexible Instruction Days (FID) as an alternate form of instruction in place of a day otherwise canceled due to inclement weather or building emergencies. The PDE will count this as a full day of school. The school has been approved to use up to a maximum of five FIDs each school year. On a FID, students will complete learning assignments provided by the teacher at home on the day that otherwise would have been canceled and made up at the end of the school year.

[Please see our website for more information about Flexible Instructional Days at Avon Grove Charter School.](#)

School Closing:

Situation One: AGCS is closed and my school district is closed.

- When both schools are closed then there is no school for the day and no transportation is needed.

Situation Two: AGCS is closed but my school district is open.

- If AGCS is closed, then there is no school for the day, even if your school district of residence is open. There is no need for transportation.

Situation Three: AGCS is open at normal time but my school district is closed.

- If your school district of residence is closed, then they will not provide transportation to AGCS even if AGCS is open for operation. In this event, we encourage families to safely self-transport their children to school. Any absences due to the lack of district provided transportation will be excused.

School Delay:

Situation One: AGCS is on a delay and my school district is on a delay.

- When both schools are on a similar delay schedule, then the district will provide transportation to AGCS based on the delay. Families should take their original bus pick up time and bump it back the number of delay hours for their adjusted pick up time.

Situation Two: AGCS is on a delay but my school district is opening at their normal time.

- Provided transportation is unique to each sending school district.
 - Oxford, Kennett, Octorara, and Unionville school districts will still provide transportation to AGCS on the AGCS delay schedule. Families should take their original bus pick up time and bump it back the number of delay hours for their adjusted pick up time.
 - Coatesville **will** provide transportation for grades K-3 to the Early Learning Center on the AGCS delay schedule. Families should take their original bus pick up time and bump it back the number of delay hours for their adjusted pick up time.
 - Coatesville **will not** provide transportation for grades 4 -12 to the State Road Campus. In this event, we encourage families to safely self-transport their children to school. Any absences due to the lack of district provided transportation will be excused. **PM transportation will still be provided.**
 - *AGCS typically coordinates its weather related school closings and delays with AGSD so this situation would not apply.*

Situation Three: AGCS is open at its normal time but my school district is on a delay.

- Transportation will be provided on the district's delay schedule. Families should take their original bus pick up time and bump it back the number of delay hours for their adjusted pick up time.

Early Dismissal:

Situation One: AGCS is dismissing early, but my district is staying open.

- In most cases, the sending school district will send early dismissal transportation to AGCS. Sometimes district pick-up times can vary based on the availability of the bus drivers and road conditions. If this is not the case, families will be contacted regarding specific transportation situations.

Situation Two: AGCS is staying open but my district is dismissing early.

- Transportation is typically provided based on your district's operating schedule. If your school district is closing early they will send their buses to transport AGCS students home at the district's early dismissal time.