

FCA INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

School Closings and Delays

Text alerts and/or emails regarding the Academy's closing, early dismissal or delayed opening will be sent as soon as a decision is made by FCA administration.

- If you do not receive our Academy text alerts and would like to, text the word **START** to the number **31706**. You should receive a confirmation/activation text back and then you are all set. (If you have done this before or in previous years, you do NOT need to do this again.)
- Our school website (www.my-fca.com) as well as FCA social media will inform our parents and community about weather-related changes to our normal schedule when possible.
- FCA school closings and delays will be posted on wfmz.com (listed as Faith Christian Academy – Quakertown) when possible.

If your student rides a bus:

When *your school district of residence* is closed or has a delay, and the Academy is OPEN, your student's absence or tardy will be excused. Your student will be responsible to make up any class/homework missed. You may choose to provide alternate transportation to school to avoid the absence. Safety is the first consideration in this decision.

Please note that it is your district's responsibility to post their modified schedule of closures, delays, and early dismissals on their websites. They may or may not notify their non-public bus riding families via phone call, email, and/or text. If you are unsure or haven't heard anything yet, the district websites are typically updated first, so please be proactive and check.

*Please also note if your student rides one of the **FCA Private Shuttles** (Sellersville, Hilltown, Lansdale), these shuttles will follow the schedule of FCA unless otherwise communicated.*

If your student drives to school (or you drive him/her):

When *your school district of residence* is closed or has a delay, and the Academy is OPEN, caution should be used in determining whether or not you or your student are able to drive to school *safely*. If you determine the conditions are not safe to navigate, the absence or tardy will be excused. Your student will be responsible to make up any class/homework missed.

Early Dismissals

Early Dismissals may be called by *your school district of residence* OR by Faith Christian Academy independent of each other, typically dependent on local road conditions.

If your student rides a bus:

- Several school districts transport our students to/from the Academy. *Early dismissal busing times may vary by district.*
- If *your school district of residence* calls an Early Dismissal but FCA has not, as soon as the district lets us know what time we can expect their buses/vans, we will communicate with you via text alert and/or email as soon as possible so that you have an idea of what time your student may arrive at home.

- If FCA has a normal dismissal time, your student is welcome to not take their bus and instead stay for the full day. If your student is not to take the bus as normal, please communicate with them directly and/or their FCA school campus as appropriate. Please note it is your responsibility to provide alternate transportation home in this situation.
- If FCA calls an Early Dismissal but *your district of residence* has not, we will send a school-wide email announcing this and ask all the district transportation companies to come at our modified dismissal time.

If your student drives to school (or you drive them):

- Your student driver is allowed to leave school at the designated time of your home district's and/or FCA's Early Dismissal. Your student may also opt to stay at school if your district is dismissing before FCA. Please remember safety is of utmost importance in making this decision.
- If you are coming to school to drive your student home *before* your home district's and/or FCA's Early Dismissal time, *you must come into the school office to sign your student out of school early.*
- If your student drives himself and needs to leave school *before* your home district's and/or FCA's Early Dismissal time, *you must email the school office giving him/her permission to leave.* Please email both wlittle@my-fca.com and rheller@my-fca.com.
- Without permission from a parent in writing, we cannot allow your student to leave school before your home district's and/or FCA's Early Dismissal time. Once the office receives your email, your student must sign out in the office before he/she leaves campus.

Please take a few minutes and make a plan with your student in the event that school is closed, delayed or dismisses early. Students may not "hang out" at school for an indefinite period of time after an Early Dismissal. Our primary concern is always the safety of our Academy families, faculty and staff. We will always work with you to that end. Should you have questions or concerns, please reach out at any time.