Snow Day Make-Up Procedures

Watauga County Schools

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Calendar Policy

- North Carolina schools are required to complete 1,025 hours of instruction or a minimum of 185 student days in a school year covering at least nine calendar months. We consider these minimum requirements and seek to attend as many days as possible.
- WCS starts the school year with 180 student days, 10 annual leave days, 11 holidays, nine optional teacher workdays, and five mandatory work days.
- Annual leave days, holidays and optional teacher work days can be moved to accommodate any schedule changes due to missed school days.
- The superintendent has the discretion to make necessary changes to the make-up plan for various circumstances. Such changes may impact the last day of school for students and teachers.

Make-Up Days

- The WCS Weather Team considers make-up options during each incident of inclement weather. Make-up days may be used differently depending on the severity and circumstances of each weather event.
- The Weather Team considers several factors in determining which make-up option will be used, including the high school exam schedule.

Communication of Schedule Changes/ More Information

- There several ways school closing information is communicated: district website, phone call, emails, text messages, social media (WCS uses Facebook and Instagram: @Watauga County Schools), and local news media.
- As changes are made, calendar information is updated online at wataugaschools.org/calendar.