



# Inclement Weather Information for Parents and Students



The safety of students and staff is a priority for Asheboro City Schools and decisions made during inclement weather are among the most important and most difficult faced by school personnel.

## Current Procedures

The superintendent decides school schedules during inclement weather and she relies on input from many sources to make the best decision.

- \* When inclement weather is forecast, staff monitor the Weather Channel, National Weather Service, area TV forecasts and weather websites.
- \* Progress Energy, Emergency Management Services, N.C. Department of Transportation, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), and area law enforcement all provide input.
- \* Staff members drive various parts of the city, multiple times if needed, to check road conditions.
- \* Contact is made with neighboring school systems, but decisions are made based on local conditions.
- \* Temperatures vary between day and night and sometimes by the hour. Melted ice and snow often refreeze to form black ice overnight.
- \* Make up days are designated on the calendar, but these sometimes are not enough. State law requires students to attend 180 days and 1,000 instructional hours.
- \* Weather severity dictates closing for staff. This decision also impacts make-up days. We may not lengthen the teacher contract period and must make up missed days by swapping with other days in the school calendar.

## Timing is Crucial

- \* The earlier the notice, the more convenient it is for parents and staff who have to make child care arrangements and work decisions.
- \* However, the later the decision is made, the more accurate the information on which the decision is based.
- \* Weather forecasting is not an exact science. If a decision is made the night before, we may awaken to bright sunshine or even worse weather than predicted.
- \* Buses may begin routes when it is dark and difficult to clearly see road conditions. Even with a two-hour delay, routes may begin as early as 8:45 a.m.
- \* Once a decision is made, it takes 20-25 minutes to notify all media outlets and set up the AlertNow call, and sometimes another 5-10 minutes for the announcement to be broadcast.

## Designated Make-Up Days

The following dates in the 2010-2011 calendar are designated as make-up days. Make-up days will be utilized according to the educational needs and the instructional programs of Asheboro City Schools. These dates are NOT in priority order.

Oct. 8; Nov. 24; Dec. 22; Dec. 27-30;  
Jan. 18, 19; Feb. 21; March 7; April 21,  
25-29; June 10

## Other Information

- \* Telephones are on all buses so drivers can report hazardous conditions as needed.
- \* If a delay is necessary, it will be a two-hour delay.

## Where are inclement weather schedule changes announced?

ACS website, television and radio announcements on inclement weather changes will be given to the media no later than 6:15 a.m. We will also send an AlertNow message to the primary home phone number after 6:30am.

### Website

[www.asheboro.k12.nc.us](http://www.asheboro.k12.nc.us)

### Television Stations

WFMY News 2    WGHP FOX 8  
WXII News 12    WXLV 45

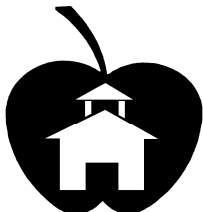
### Radio Stations

WKXR 1260 AM    Rock 92.3  
WMAG 99.5    WKSI 98.7  
WZTK 101.1    WZOO 710 AM

**If no announcement is made, school will be open**

## Reminders for Parents

- \* Keep your children at home if you feel roads are unsafe for travel.
- \* Discourage teenagers from driving to school during inclement weather.
- \* Make child care arrangements if school is delayed or closed.



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