

Inclement Weather Policy

What You Should Know

When there is the threat of snow or ice, what do you need to know before your student heads off to school? McDowell County Schools is very concerned about the safety of all of our students and staff.

There are several factors that are considered when determining to close or open the schools for the day. One is the varying road conditions throughout the county. One area might have treacherous road condition and another part of the county may not. Another factor is the time of day. Many of the buses begin their routes shortly before 6:00 AM. Once the buses depart, we can communicate with the buses and recall them to their point of origin.

Any decision regarding the closing of school prior to opening will be made before 6:00 AM. If no decision can be made with confidence before 6:00 AM, the beginning of the school day may be delayed. Any delays will be announced as soon as possible.

Sometimes it is necessary to close the schools early due to changing weather conditions. If this is the case, the students will be released as soon as possible.

Adjustments to the school schedule will be posted on this Website.

The following radio and television stations will broadcast weather information and the schedule for the next day:

WLOS (TV 13) Asheville
WBTV (TV 3) Charlotte
WYFF (TV 4) Greenville
WSPA (TV 7) Spartanburg
WSOC (TV 9) Charlotte

WBRM (1250 AM) Marion
WKSF (99.9 FM) Asheville
WWNC (570 AM) Asheville
WMNC (1430 AM) Morganton