

# Muhlenberg County Public Schools

## Cancellation, Delay, and Early Dismissal Information

The Mission of the Muhlenberg County School System, with parent and community support, is to provide a quality education that instills in all students the will and ability to succeed, to be lifelong learners, and to contribute to society. To fulfill this mission, we must ensure the safety of each student. As the possibility of inclement weather approaches, we want to keep you informed of what steps are taken to determine when a change in our regular school hours is needed.

Beginning as early as 3:30 AM, school leaders begin checking road conditions. The district stays in close contact with our local 911/EMA directors regarding weather reports. A decision is made by 5 AM to inform our district parents, students, and employees in a timely manner.

School closings, delays as well as early dismissals are reported to local television and radio stations. An All-Call message is sent out to each household by phone. Our district website, [www.muhlenberg.kyschools.us](http://www.muhlenberg.kyschools.us), and our district Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/mbergschools](http://www.facebook.com/mbergschools), will include any decisions made. To ensure that the All-Call message is received, each household needs to make certain their child(ren)'s school has current contact information on file.

Along with inclement weather, **wind chill** can cause school closings and/or delays. On particularly cold mornings, the district continuously monitors the National Weather Service and closely monitors the weather conditions. There are two possible scenarios that come from the National Weather Service: A *Wind Chill Advisory* and a *Wind Chill Warning*. The National Weather Service defines the two as the following:

*Wind Chill Advisory*: Wind Chills between -10 and -24 degrees and at least a wind of 10 MPH or more.

*Wind Chill Warning*: Wind Chills -25 degrees and below with at least a wind of 10 MPH or more.

When a **wind chill warning** is issued for Muhlenberg County during the time the school day begins, the district will decide to close schools. It is quite likely we will make this type of decision on the morning of the day in question as it is hard to predict what the wind chill will be the night before. If there is a **wind chill advisory** for the county, schools will likely be open unless there are operational problems with the bus fleet or mechanical problems in the school buildings.

Parents should make sure their child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather. The district urges students to wear winter hats, gloves, heavy coats, and boots. Frostbite and hypothermia are serious risks and need to be taken into consideration by the parents. Understand that the safety of our staff and students is our top priority when making the decision to delay or close school. We can assure you that our school buildings are warm, safe and an ideal place for students to be when it is extremely cold outside. If there are extenuating circumstances with getting your child to school, please contact your child's school.

**When School Is Delayed** – All morning bus pick-up times and school starting times will shift by one or two hours. The school day will end at the normal time and afternoon bus routes will run on their regular schedules. Afternoon and evening activities will continue as planned unless weather conditions or forecasts worsen.

**When School Is Dismissed Early or When School Is Cancelled** – The decision to proceed with afternoon activities (practices, meetings, etc.) and/or evening events (games, performances, etc.) will be determined by the principal, in consultation with the superintendent, and will be based on conditions and forecasts.

## School Start and End Times:

<u>Elementary Schools</u>	<u>Middle Schools</u>		<u>High School &amp; Renaissance Center</u>
Start Time – 7:25 a.m.	<b>North Middle</b> Start Time – 8:40 a.m.		Start Time – 8:30 a.m.
One-Hour Delay – 8:25 a.m.	<b>North Middle</b> One-Hour Delay – 9:40 a.m.		One-Hour Delay – 9:30 a.m.
Two-Hour Delay – 9:25 a.m.	<b>North Middle</b> Two-Hour Delay – 10:40 a.m.		Two-Hour Delay – 10:30 a.m.
End Time – 2:20 p.m.	<b>North Middle</b> End Time – 3:25 p.m.		End Time – 3:20 p.m.
	<b>South Middle</b> Start Time – 8:45 a.m.		
	<b>South Middle</b> One-Hour Delay – 9:45 a.m.		
	<b>South Middle</b> Two-Hour Delay – 10:45 a.m.		
	<b>South Middle</b> End Time – 3:30 p.m.		

If you have questions about Muhlenberg County Public Schools school cancellation, delay, or early dismissal procedures, please call 270-338-2871.

Bremen Elementary 270-525-6686	Central City Elementary 270-754-4474	Longest Elementary 270-338-2842
Greenville Elementary 270-338-4830	South Elementary 270-476-2204	North Middle 270-338-3550
South Middle 270-338-4650	Muhlenberg Co. High School 270-338-0040	Renaissance Center 270-338-0662

## Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) Day

The Kentucky Department of Education defines NTI as the following: A Non-Traditional School Day is **a method of delivering instruction for ALL students on a day when school buildings are not accessible due to unforeseen circumstances** (e.g., snow days). ... All students without Internet access receive printed copies of their assignments to keep at home.

When the district utilizes an NTI Day, students will be expected to participate in assignments and on-line instruction as directed by each teacher. Staff will be available to assist students as needed through Google Classroom, Remind, Class Dojo, and/or email. Assignments may vary from paper packets to computer-based assignments.