

Family Inclement Weather Memo 25-26

PLEASE KEEP THIS MEMO FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

During the school year, it may be necessary to change school schedules because of road conditions due to ice and snow, other inclement weather, or emergencies. **If there is no announcement of school closing or early dismissal, families can automatically assume that schools are open.** The procedures listed in this memo will be followed by the Waynesboro Area School District.

SCHOOL OPENING: MORNING DECISION

During an inclement weather event, the district will issue communications to parents/guardians directly via email, text message, and phone calls. Notification will also be posted on the WASD website, app, social media channels, and via local media outlets.

In the event of inclement weather, one of the following decisions will be made:

1. **Two-Hour Delay**

- Schools will open two hours later than normal.
- Buses will delay pick-up times by two hours and will be traveling on regular routes two hours later than normal.
- Afternoon dismissal will be at the regular time.
- Radio/TV stations will initially be notified by **5:30 AM**, and will then broadcast the schedule changes as announced by the school district (breakfast will not be served on the Two Hour Delay schedule).

Please note, that in some cases where a two-hour delay is announced, a final decision to cancel school for the entire day may be necessary; this decision will be made no later than 7:30 AM.

Information regarding school closing will be posted on the district website, www.wasdpa.org, as well as the official WASD app (available on the Apple and Google app stores) which allows for immediate push notifications, and our social media pages (X/ Facebook).

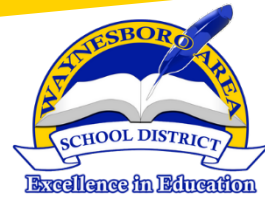
2. **Schools are Closed**

If weather conditions are hazardous and buses are not able to operate safely, an announcement will be made that schools are closed.

Parents/Guardians are asked to understand that due to inclement weather, there may be a transportation delay, particularly in hilly, rural areas. It is also possible that some sections of a road will not be traveled on a given day. Learners residing at those locations will be excused from school.

3. **Early Dismissal**

- Road conditions due to accumulations of ice, snow, water, or other emergencies may require dismissing schools earlier than usual. The school district will attempt to make the decision for an early dismissal before 11:30 AM.
- Parents/Guardians will be notified by BoroBlast, text message, and email.
- The announcements will include the dismissal times for secondary learners (grades 6-12) and elementary learners (grades K-5).
- All after-school activities and evening events/performances and practices will be canceled.



SCHOOL CLOSING: SCHOOL DAY DECISION

Please note, that parents/guardians are responsible for emergency childcare arrangements when schools do not open, when school opening is delayed, or when school is dismissed early. In isolated instances, buses may not be able to move on certain roads, even on days when school is open, thus requiring care for children who live at these locations.

SNOW/INCLEMENT WEATHER MAKE-UP DAY (2025/2026)

The first three (3) days of in-person instruction will be made up during pre-set “Make Up Days” as marked on the district's calendar. Those days are as follows:

- February 16, 2026
- March 16, 2026
- April 2, 2026

These days will be used unless the date of cancellation is seven (7) calendar days or less from the next snow make-up day.

Any remaining weather-related cancellation will become FID Days (Flexible Instruction Days). WASD has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for five (5) FID days.

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (FID)

1. Learners do not attend in-person instruction.
2. Instruction will be synchronous/asynchronous
3. FID day procedures will be reviewed with learners and shared with families by building principals.
4. On a FID day learners will receive communication about the day through Google Classroom (elementary) or Schoology (middle and high school). The communication will describe how to access instructional material, how to log attendance, and how to request assistance for the day.
5. Assignments and activities will be made available to learners by 9:10 a.m. on the Flexible Instructional Day.
6. Learners will be considered present for the Flexible Instructional Day upon verification of login status in the LMS (Learning Management System) or Google Classroom/Schoology.
7. Learners will have two school days to complete the FID activities to receive full credit for grading purposes only.

What if more than eight (8) school closures occur?

If more than eight (8) school days are canceled, additional school days may be added at the end of the year unless our PDE required hours are met.

Please ensure your contact information is correct and you are signed up to receive notifications within the Sapphire Community Web Portal. To change contact information, please call your child's school office. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance during the inclement weather days of the school year.