

Alleghany County Public Schools Emergency School Closing and Delay Procedures

Making the decision to close schools or delay school openings involves many staff members and community organizations. On mornings when inclement weather such as snow or ice is expected or is a possibility, Alleghany County Schools' inclement weather team monitors the road conditions and forecasts.

Prior to 4:30 a.m., the weather team begins checking the weather reports, road conditions and parking lots. The superintendent is informed about the weather conditions and a decision is made by **5:30 a.m.** At that time, the decision to close or delay opening of schools is relayed to designated radio and television stations, posted on the division's website, and a message is sent through School Messenger to all parents and staff between **5:45 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.**

If the decision is to delay the opening of schools, the inclement weather team continues to check the road conditions and monitor weather forecasts. Reports received from VDOT, the sheriff's department, the state police and surrounding school divisions will continue to be monitored. In some cases, it may be determined to change the two hour delay to a closing.