

Dear Parents,

We are nearing that time of the year when we should prepare for the chances of snow or ice. I want to update you about our policies and procedures so that, together, we can help our children know what to do when bad weather appears.

The administration begins driving roads on days where snow or ice is an issue at approximately 4:15 am. With over 360 miles of roads in our corporation, we do our best to cover the main roads.

After checking on conditions throughout the corporation, we will meet at 5:15 am and make a decision to call or delay school by 5:30 am.

Please understand that changing weather conditions and other factors may adjust the decisions made or the time we call the school community. For example, a two-hour delay may turn into a cancellation or we may have to call at 7:00 am to cancel school. The safety of students and staff will always be our number one priority. We will do our best to keep in mind the challenges that two hour delays and cancellations place on parents.

Once the decision is made, we will begin the following procedures:

1. We will begin notifying staff and parents through a mass phone call using our school messenger program. **Please make sure you have the most up to date phone numbers in Harmony so you receive a call.**
2. We will post our School Status on our R-BB website: <https://rbbschools.net/>
3. We will have our closing and weather delay information on the following stations:
 - a. WCBK radio
 - b. WCLS radio
 - c. WGCL radio
 - d. WTTV (CBS): Channel 4
 - e. WRTV (ABC): Channel 6
 - f. WISH-TV: Channel 8
 - g. WTHR (NBC): Channel 13
 - h. WTIU: Channel 30
 - i. WXIN (FOX): Channel 59
4. You may also call the following number to hear a recorded message on R-BB's School Status:
 - (812) 876-9020

eLearning Days

Once the decision is made to cancel school, I will also determine if R-BB is going to use the day as an eLearning Day. I will communicate the eLearning Day decision at the same time and through the same modes of communication as the cancellation of school announcement.

eLearning Days do not need to be made up at the end of the year.

Please be aware that *not all inclement weather days will be implemented as eLearning days.*

On a two-hour delay, school will start at the following times on Monday, Tuesday, **Wednesday**, Thursday, and Friday:

- EJHS/EHS—9:30 am
- EPS/EIS-- 10:25 am
- AM preschool classes will be cancelled on a two-hour delay.
- All other preschool classes will begin at 10:55 am.
- Latch Key will start at 8:30 am on two-hour delays.

I encourage you as a family to sit down with your children and develop an emergency weather plan that addresses two issues:

What do you want your child to do if school dismisses early due to inclement weather?

and

What happens when there is a two-hour delay if you are both working parents?

We find that when parents have a plan and discuss it with their child beforehand, it can alleviate a lot of stress if school dismisses early or starts late.

We also want you to know that there might be times this year that we need to do a two-hour delay due to cold temperatures. We take **wind speed and temperature** into account when making the decision.

We will use the following weather chart from the National Weather Service as a starting point for our decision making process: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/cold-wind-chill-chart>

As a corporation, we take your child's safety very seriously and will do our best to make a decision about school delays as early as possible.

We will try to make every effort to provide you ample time to make alternate arrangements.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your family.

Have a great day,

Dr. Jerry Sanders

Superintendent

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