

Lincoln County Schools – Inclement Weather Procedures

Weather Delays and Cancellations

Making the decision to delay school, dismiss early or cancel school for the day is a difficult one that involves a great deal of behind-the-scenes work. LCS officials consult with weather and emergency management experts and other school districts, and have employees ride the roads to determine whether it is safe for staff, parents and buses to travel. This is no small undertaking, as Lincoln County covers 316 square miles and has hundreds of secondary roads with varying degrees of icy accumulation due to either lack of weather treatment by the Department of Transportation, lack of travel or varying weather conditions in different parts of the county.

Weather Notification Procedures

All inclement weather closing announcements will be immediately posted on the LCS website homepage. At the same time, LCS faculty, staff and parents will be informed through Alert Now while simultaneous notifications are given to the news media.

Two-hour Delay

Sometimes the decision is made to delay schools, usually for two hours. This simply means that the school day will begin exactly two hours later than normal. This does not, however, extend the school day, and students are released at the same times as the normal school day.

Parents Have an Important Role

In order to be notified, it is essential that parents keep emergency contact information updated at their child's school. This information includes home and emergency phone numbers. Your family cannot be notified if current telephone numbers are not known.

Employee Options

When schools are closed or if there is an optional teacher workday, school employees are encouraged to **make the best decision based on their personal safety**. Employees' options are:

	10 Month Employees	11 & 12 Month Employees
Schools Closed	Do Not Report	Choice: (1) Go to Work (2) Take Annual Leave Day (3) Take Leave without pay
Optional Workday	Choice: (1) Go to Work (2) Take Annual Leave Day (3) Take Leave without pay	Choice: (1) Go to Work (2) Take Annual Leave Day (3) Take Leave without pay

Decisions regarding make up days for ten month employees will be rescheduled by Administration.