



A Guide to School Delays and Closings

Wind chill, fog, snow, ice, and air temperature are the reality for winter weather in Indiana. With these uncertainties and the unpredictable weather and road conditions, the decision to delay, release early, or cancel our school day presents a challenging task, and sometimes, an unpopular choice in the public opinion polls!

We expect to be 100% in the safety and security of our students, as it is our #1 priority!

The following bullet points are some of the rationale and thought processes used to make an informed decision.

- Road conditions – Members of our leadership team drive the roads to assess the conditions. These conditions can change, improve or decline, in a quick period of time based on the weather and efforts of our local road crews.
- Weather conditions – Air temperature and wind chill are considered in the decision. Daylight changes conditions as well.
- Weather channels, radar, and websites – These sources provide needed information on the timing of the weather conditions.
- Considerations – Most delays or cancellations are made in the mornings. These are usually made by 5:30 a.m. Sometimes, these decisions are made the evening before. Obviously, there are pros and cons, as there is no exact science to the decision!
- Decision – Based on the available information, a decision will be made to stay on schedule, delay, release early, or cancel.
- Final decision – You, yes You! As a parent, you make the ultimate choice about what is best for your child. If you feel the weather conditions are not safe for your child to be outside and/or travel to school, you may choose to keep your child home. Please call your child's school and make them aware.

Delays, early releases, and closings will be communicated through the following:

- School messenger phone call based on PowerSchool records
- Our school corporation website - www.mccsc.k12.in.us
- TV stations and their websites – WRTV (6), WTHR (13), WISH (8), WXIN (59)
- Twitter - @millcreeksupt

Thanks for all you do to provide support, insistence, and high expectations!