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Emergency Weather School Delay and Closings

Tri-Creek School Corporation would like to thank everyone for their patience as we deal with weather issues regarding safe transportation of students. Our first priority is the safety of students and personnel. We hope to maintain normal school day schedules as much as possible, however delays, cancellations and early dismissals are sometimes necessary. The district, therefore, advises parents to have a plan in place for school delays, cancellations and emergency dismissal situations.

A number of factors go into making the decision to close or delay the opening of school. Any announced school closing is for that day only. School closing or delay information will be announced using the **School Messenger** notification system. **These announcements will be sent to email and phone numbers designated by the parents and will typically be sent between 5:00-5:45 a.m.** Parents can control what numbers are contacted in an emergency through Skyward under the Skylert tab. We do need to have at least one emergency number listed per family. If weather conditions are stable and reasonably certain, then the call may be made the prior evening. Weather forecasts are just that, forecasts. Sometimes they are correct and sometimes they are not. Conditions in other areas of the county are not necessarily the same conditions we see here in Tri-Creek. Tri-Creek School Corporation transports students over 187 square miles each day. Conditions on one side of the district may be different than the other side. When poor road conditions exist, we strongly encourage students to take the bus. We wish to remind drivers to maintain caution when driving in snow, ice, water, or fog by driving slow, braking early, and watching for students, especially when snow piles get high and visibility is low. We also remind parents to make sure students are dressed warmly especially during times of extreme cold.

Notification regarding delays and closures may be obtained from the following:

Radio	WGN 720AM, WBBM 780AM, WJOB 1230AM, WLJE 105.5FM, WZVN 107.1FM, WAKE 1500AM
Television	WGN Channel 9, Fox Channel 32, CBS Channel 2, NBC Channel 5, CLTV
Internet	Emergency Closing Center, Cancellations.com, Tricreek.k12.in.us

Our first and foremost consideration is the safety of our students and staff. Many factors go into the determination of whether to hold school:

- **Monitoring Current Conditions & Forecasts**—Prior to a storm, district personnel monitor forecasts & live radar
- **Personnel on the Street**—District personnel drive our district’s streets to determine the actual conditions. Monitoring begins between 3:30 & 4:30 a.m. and continues throughout the early morning hours. District personnel also clear lots & sidewalks, sand & salt as necessary. We are in contact with personnel from other school districts as well as the town, county & state transportation departments.
- **Ability to Clear Pathways**—We take into consideration whether we will be able to clear school sidewalks & parking lots in a timely fashion, or is snow accumulates faster than we can clear.
- **Monitoring Temperature**—We take into account the temperature & wind chill, wind conditions, and whether or not it is a sunny day. We look for peaks and whether or not the temperature and wind chill is sustained throughout the day. This helps us determine air temperature safely, as well as changing road conditions.
- **Visibility**—Visibility is monitored; blowing snow or fog could be a factor in a delay or cancellation.

Even with all the precautions taken by the district to ensure student safety, parents may have mitigating circumstances that result in a determination that it is unsafe for their children to travel to/from school or that a delay is appropriate. Parents in this situation should contact the school principal.



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Notification of Possible e-Learning Day

Parents will be notified in advance of a possible e-Learning Day when severe weather is forecasted ahead of time. This is just a notification to be prepared for the possibility and does not guarantee an e-Learning Day will happen. More information about e-Learning Days can be found at <http://www.tricreek.k12.in.us/technology/elearningday.cfm>

School Cancellation

All schools serviced by Tri-Creek School Corporation, including the Adventure Club, will be closed. **Schools will not be open for instruction and parents will be notified if the day will be considered an e-Learning Day.** Students do not report to school. School buses will not transport students who attend schools outside the Tri-Creek area. The administration at out of district schools are notified of our cancellation/delay and students are not penalized for their attendance. Parents who transport their own child to a school outside of the Tri-Creek area should exercise care in determining whether or not to transport their child on hazardous weather days. **All after school events will typically be cancelled, including all practices and all rentals. Exceptions may be made with approval by the Superintendent if the emergency situation no longer exists. This decision will be made on a case to case basis.** When safety and welfare allow, the following personnel are expected to report to their building assignments to assist with phone inquiries and to check the property: All Principals, Assistant Principals, Full Time Building Secretaries, Athletic Secretary, Administrators, Central Office Staff, Full Time Custodians, Full Time Maintenance and the Athletic Director. Indiana requires 180 student days; make-up days for school closings are added to the end of the school year. **An e-Learning day is considered a school day and will not need to be made up at the end of the year.**

School Delay

All school activity will resume two (2) hours later than the regular school schedule. All morning practices and meetings are cancelled. The Adventure Club will open at 6:30 as usual. The morning Alternative Education and Opportunity Center students are to report to class at 10:00 a.m. The afternoon Alternative Education and Opportunity Center students will follow their normal schedule. The morning session of the Six-to-Four program will be cancelled; however, all Six-to-Six students are to report to their afternoon session. School buses will transport students two hours later than normal. The administration at out of district schools are notified of our cancellation/delay and students are not penalized for their attendance. Parents who transport their own child to a school outside of the Tri-Creek area should exercise care in determining whether or not to transport their child on hazardous weather days. **Announcements for delays will typically be made between 5:00-5:45. If school is canceled following a delay, the announcement will typically be made between 7:30-7:45.**

Emergency Dismissal

Weather, mechanical breakdown or other unforeseeable emergency may sometimes call for early or emergency dismissal. Each parent should be sure that his/her child is instructed where to go in the event it is necessary for the child to arrive home early. A mechanical breakdown in one school need not affect regular dismissal of the remaining schools in the corporation.

In the event of a two (2) hour early dismissal for weather, the typical dismissal times are as follows: All elementary Schools: 12:30 Lowell Middle School: 12:45 Lowell High School: 1:00. The morning session of the Alternative Education and Opportunity Center will be dismissed at their regular time. The afternoon session of the Alternative Education and Opportunity Center will be cancelled. The Six-to-Four students will not meet for their afternoon session and high school detentions will be reassigned. In addition, all after school activities, including the Adventure Club, will be cancelled. This includes all practices and facility rentals. **Announcements for early dismissal will typically be made between 11:15-11:30.**