



Cincinnati Public Schools Severe Weather Procedure - Information for Students & Families

At Cincinnati Public Schools, we want to make sure our students and staff are safe when severe weather or extreme temperatures occur, while maximizing students' time in class.

CPS may close for snow, or extreme cold or hot temperatures.

When severe weather is predicted, parents should check the CPS website, **cps-k12.org**, or local television or radio stations, for announcements about school closings or delays. Alerts also are available on the [CPS mobile app \(http://launch.customschoolapp.net/cps/\)](http://launch.customschoolapp.net/cps/). The most complete and detailed information is available on the CPS website, including answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the procedure.

CPS rarely will dismiss schools early, but it does happen occasionally. Please make sure your child's school office has your family's correct emergency contact information.

We know that start delays and no-school days for snow or extreme temperatures represent an inconvenience to parents, so we do our best to declare them only when necessary. There are different school closure procedures for elementary and high schools.

Schools Closed —

- Decisions to close schools are made only after analyzing much data and consulting various authorities.
- After reviewing all information available, the superintendent consults with senior staff, bus company operators and City of Cincinnati road maintenance authorities, and makes a decision as soon as possible (usually by 5 a.m.).

Elementary Schools – Two-Hour Delays:

- Yellow buses will pick up students at morning bus stops two hours later than normal.
- Students who are driven to school by parents should try to arrive at schools when it is safe. Walkers should arrive when it is safe. No new material will be covered during the two-hour delayed start; teachers will use this opportunity for review and enrichment.
- Afternoon dismissal will occur at each elementary school's normal time.
- No preschool bus service will be available.

High Schools — Operate on Normal Schedules during Two-Hour Delays:

- High school students ride Metro buses (public transportation) to and from schools. **Metro bus schedules cannot be adjusted to accommodate CPS' two-hour delay, so high schools will open at the normal times with school staff in the building to supervise students.**
- Metro buses will run as close to normal schedules as weather and road conditions permit.
- Afternoon dismissal will occur at each high school's normal time.