



In the Event of Bad Weather or an Emergency Situation ... Here's How to Check School Status

Occasionally inclement weather or other safety or health conditions require FCPS to cancel, delay opening or otherwise change school routines or schedules. Typically, cancellation and delay decisions are made by 5 a.m. that day and announced soon after. If weather becomes a factor after school is already in session, a decision to close early is made, whenever possible, by 10:30 a.m. that day. Very rarely, FCPS may be required to take student safety precautions immediately, with little or no notice. Although we notify numerous regional news outlets, we encourage parents and guardians to use the following sources for the most accurate news.

For the fastest, most reliable school status information, check:

Internet: www.fcps.org (sign up for *Find Out First* free, email notification at home and work)

FCPS TELEVISION on Comcast cable channel 18 (Frederick area)

Delay Schedule for Half-Day Pre-K On days when school is opening two hours late due to inclement weather, *half-day* pre-K students will attend abbreviated 1½-hour sessions. Breakfast will not be served. Morning sessions will start two hours late with the rest of the students at the school and dismiss one hour later than usual. The afternoon session will start one hour later than usual and dismiss at the regular time. This procedure provides half-day pre-K students with equitable instructional time.

Delay Schedule for CTC On days when school opens two hours late due to inclement weather, morning Career & Technology Center classes will start two hours late and dismiss about one hour later than usual. The afternoon session will start one hour later than usual and dismiss at the regular time.

Evening Activities School- and FCPS-sponsored after-school/evening activities (sports, plays, Board of Ed meetings, etc.) and evening instructional programs (such as Flexible Evening HS & the Twilight Program) are generally cancelled on days when school is cancelled or closes early.

Note: The 2008-09 school calendar shows June 17 as the last day of school for students. This includes 5 days allotted for snow or other emergencies. If we don't use all 5 days, the year will be shortened by the number of unused days. If more days are required to meet the minimum 180 school days, make-up days will be added in this order: Presidents' Day, April 8 and 9, and June 18 and 19.

Additional info is online in Regulation 400-2: Closing of Schools Because of Weather, Maintenance, or Other Reasons: www.fcps.org/dept/legal/400-02.pdf

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