



October 23, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the winter season, I wanted to remind you about the procedures for school closings or delays that may be caused by inclement weather or other emergencies. The decision to close school or alter the school day is done with much deliberation and input from law enforcement agencies, the weather bureau, the highway department, and various key individuals located throughout our school district. Please understand that often the main roads and city roads have been cleared but many county roads are not passable. We frequently see widely different conditions from one part of our district to the next given the various terrains from one side of our county to the other.

When possible, decisions about school delays due to inclement weather will be made no later than 6:00 a.m. It is possible that a school cancellation may follow a two-hour delay. If there is a two-hour delay, we will try to make the decision to cancel school by 8:00 a.m. You will be notified about decisions to alter the school day or cancel school through our alert calling system. **Please make sure your contact information is up to date in Skyward and that you have activated your ParentSquare account so that you can receive notifications.** The information will also be posted on our website at [madison.k12.in.us](http://madison.k12.in.us) and announced through the following news and social media outlets:

FOX 41, WLKY 32, WORX/WXGO, WHAS 11, WMPI, WIKI, WKID - Vevey, WAVE 3, WKKG

@MCS\_Indiana on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter

**The following options will be considered during weather emergencies:**

- Option 1:** All Madison Consolidated Schools will be closed for the day.
- Option 2:** All Madison Consolidated Schools will be closed but utilize an inclement weather virtual, synchronous day.
- Option 3:** The start of the school day will be delayed for two (2) hours.
- Option 4:** School will dismiss early.
- Option 5:** Schools will operate using Snow Emergency Routes.

Due to the varying terrain throughout our school district, our schools may operate Snow Emergency Routes when inclement weather prohibits bus transportation to some pick-up sites. We hope the Snow Emergency Routes will allow us to open schools when only small portions of our district roadways are in poor condition and a majority of students may be safely transported.

The following Snow Emergency Routes will provide alternative pick-up sites for some potentially and historically treacherous areas of our school district:

Bus 9 - L. Watterson - Deputy area

Pick up at 6:40 a.m. **Nutrien Ag** on Hwy 3 at cautions lights

Drop off at 3:40 p.m. at **Kent Methodist Church and Nutrien Ag. (PM)** for junior high and high school students

Bus 11 - J. Ritzline - Deputy area

Pick up at 6:45 a.m. and drop off at 3:00 p.m. at **Lakeside Campground** on Blake Road

Bus 8 - Megan Perkins- Deputy area

Pick up at 7:00 a.m. at **Deputy Elementary School** for junior high and high school students

Pick up at 7:25 a.m. at **Kent Methodist Church** for junior high and high school students

Drop off at 3:50 p.m. at **Deputy Elementary School**

Bus 96 - J. Gorrell - Deputy area

Pick up at 6:45 a.m. and drop off at 3:30 p.m. at the **Lancaster Church**

Bus 10 - D Webster-Imel - Rykers' Ridge area  
Pick up at 6:45 a.m. at the **Old Manville Store**

Bus 54 - M. Foley  
Drop off at 3:45 p.m. at the **Old Manville Store**

Bus 52 - G. Lamb- Rykers' Ridge area  
Pick up at 6:50 a.m. and drop off at 3:40 p.m. at the **China Catholic Church**

Bus 29 - C. Meisberger - Rykers' Ridge area  
Pick up at 6:45 a.m. and drop off at 3:55 p.m. at the **Brooksbury Baptist Church**

Bus 54 - M. Foley - Canaan area  
Pick up at 7:10 a.m. at **JPG for 421 Hwy JPG**

Bus 50 - K. Atkinson - Canaan area  
Drop off at 3:45 p.m. at **JPG for 421 Hwy JPG**

Bus 53 - A. Meister  
Pick up at 6:45 a.m. and drop off at 4:10 p.m. at the **Canaan Firehouse**

Bus 94 - E. Hensley - Dupont area  
Pick up at 6:20 a.m. at the former **Dupont Elementary** for Deputy Elementary students  
Pick up at 6:45 a.m. and drop off at 3:45 p.m. at **Dupont Elementary**, 3:30 at Lancaster Church junior high and high school students

Bus 95 J. Kelsey - Dupont area  
Pick up at 6:55 a.m. and drop off at 3:30 p.m. at the former **Dupont School** for Anderson Elementary, junior high and high school students

Bus 65 - A. Buxton - Dupont area  
Pick up at 6:45 a.m. and drop off at 3:30 p.m. at the **Lancaster Baptist Church** for Deputy Elementary students

If you have any questions about the Snow Emergency Routes, please contact your child's bus driver or our MCS Transportation Department at 812-274-8110 or 812-274-8111. During inclement weather, if parents believe it is in the best interest of their children to remain home, please inform the school of this decision. This will be counted as an excused absence.

### **Information on the [virtual learning schedule](#)**

Due to changes in law made in 2022, schools are not able to conduct more than three virtual instruction days unless students are engaged in 50% or more of teacher-directed synchronous instruction. Synchronous instruction is defined as delivered live and in real-time by a teacher. As a result, if virtual learning is scheduled during an inclement weather day, students will be expected to log into Google Classrooms and be actively engaged with their teachers during learning activities.

If this option is utilized, we will communicate the details.

This information is being provided in advance so that you may arrange for childcare in advance of any weather-related school delay or closing. Changes in our normal routines are disruptive but the safety of our children and employees will remain our priority. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Teresa Brown  
Superintendent