

MEADE COUNTY SCHOOLS

School Cancellations/Delays

Every attempt is made to maintain the operation of the Meade County School System on regular schedule. However, as our buses travel 5,000 miles a day, road conditions in various parts of the county may differ widely. In case of inclement weather, district personnel follow established procedures before making the decision to delay or cancel school.

Timeline

3:00 A.M. – 4:45 A.M.	Transportation Director monitors local weather conditions and forecasts on radio, television, and local time/ temperature (270-547-1111); checks computerized radar screens; talks with officials of neighboring school districts; and communicates with state and county highway departments, as well as 911 emergency services.
4:45 A.M. – 5:45 A.M.	District administrators, who stay in contact by cell phone, travel roads in different geographic areas of Meade County.
5:45 A.M.	District administrators report back to the board of education office, continue to monitor weather conditions, and make a decision about schedule changes. This decision must be determined by 6:00 A.M as the first bus driver begins her route at 6:15 A.M.
6:00 A.M.	Decision is announced on WMMG radio, 93.5 FM. Four Louisville television stations are notified. All bus drivers and school administrators are contacted. Message is recorded on board telephone's voice mail system, 270-422-7500, and also posted to the Meade County School District Facebook page.

At times schools may be delayed one or two hours in order to ensure that buses are traveling in daylight and drivers have increased visibility. **In case of any delay, parents and students should continue to listen to WMMG 93.5 as weather conditions may warrant other schedule changes.**

If weather conditions deteriorate while buses are in route, we hold buses at elementary schools until roads have improved sufficiently for travel to the middle and high schools. All bus drivers have cell phones on their buses for communication with district or school staff.

Snow Routes

A copy of snow routes has previously been sent home with students, published in The Meade County Messenger, and posted on the Meade County Schools' web site (www.meade.kyschools.us>departments>transportation). Snow routes may vary in cases of extreme weather and unsafe road conditions; in that case, we will ask parents to meet buses at main roads.

Early Dismissal

In instances when weather conditions change during the school day and necessitate early dismissal, district personnel communicate details to WMMG, WHAS radio, and all four Louisville TV stations. In case of early dismissal, we may use the OneCall system to make families aware of the schedule change.

All elementary schools maintain records of any transportation changes that children should follow on days of early dismissal or mid-day cancellations of afternoon preschool programs. If this information changes for your child at any time during the school year, please update by calling your child's school.

Communication

Here are the best ways to receive the most up-to-date information about school cancellations or delays:

Radio—WMMG 93.5

Television—WHAS, WAVE, WLKY, and FOX

Text Message—WDRB's Snow Fox Text Alert (subscribe at www.wdrb.com >WDRB in the Morning at www.meade.kyschools.us)

Internet—Meade County School District Facebook page

Even with all information that we receive from the media and technology, and in spite of all precautions that we take, Mother Nature still may not cooperate. Therefore, parents must always use their best judgment in making decisions about the transportation of their children. We all have the same goal – making sure that our students leave and return home safely each and every day.