

SCHOOL DELAYS, CLOSINGS, AND EMERGENCIES

Inclement Weather Conditions

In case of snow or other potentially hazardous weather conditions, a decision to close or delay school may be made. If the weather is bad enough to make a decision the day or night before, the Randolph County School System will make this information available to the local media. Otherwise, at 3:00 a.m., school officials and transportation personnel will drive the bus routes to check firsthand on local conditions. The Assistant Superintendent of Operations consults with the National Weather Service, Emergency Management, and local Law Enforcement. The director then contacts the superintendent with an update. A decision is then made at approximately 5:00 a.m. to either cancel or delay the opening of school. RCSS will immediately alert the media, call school principals, send a message to all parents, and post an alert on the school website. All delays or early closing announcements will be made in terms of hours: one hour delay, two hour delay, etc.

Extracurricular Activities and Athletics on School Closings/Delays

When school is closed for the day or dismissed early due to inclement weather, all extracurricular activities and athletic games and/or practices will be canceled for that day. On days when school is delayed, student extracurricular activities, athletic games and/or practices may be canceled, held as normally scheduled, or rescheduled depending on local weather conditions and other pertinent factors. A delayed opening does not automatically cancel an event. The principal and other local school personnel who are normally involved in scheduling these events shall work out the schedules for days affected by delayed openings and closings.

Crisis Management Plan

Each school in the RCSS prepares a Crisis Management Plan for their individual school that has to be approved by the local board of education in the event a crisis occurs. In these plans are emergency procedures that will be followed in case of an emergency, to ensure to safety and well-being of the students and staff members. These plans include, but not limited procedures to deal with Fire/Evacuation, Bomb Threat, Severe Weather, Lock Down Procedures, etc.