

ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL POLICY

PRINCIPALS IN ALLEGANY, HARFORD, WASHINGTON, and BALTIMORE COUNTY are in counties where the public school system will NOT make an inclement weather call. You are NOT able to follow Policy ADM 13.1. You will follow the following protocol:

STEP 1: ALERT YOUR ASSOCIATE THAT YOU ANTICIPATE INCLEMENT WEATHER (i.e. snow or ice) IN YOUR COUNTY.

- DCS gets a weather report from an identified meteorologist.
- Associate Supt calls a “huddle” (Principals in the County, Nolan McCoy, Jim, and Donna) in the afternoon prior to the day where inclement weather is forecast.
- Decision made to alert families that school will be delayed or closed the following day, OR to alert families that we are monitoring the situation and that they will receive an alert at 5 am. (This requires a 4:30 am huddle/decision.)

STEP 2: COMMUNICATE WITH FAMILIES BY 5 PM AND, IF NECESSARY, AGAIN AT 5 AM.

#1 For the safety of our school community, INSERT NAME OF SCHOOL will be closed on INSERT DATE due to inclement weather. Our school planned for this possibility in our calendar. This will NOT be an instructional day.

#2 We are monitoring the weather forecast closely. Please plan for the possibility that INSERT NAME OF SCHOOL will be closed tomorrow. We will alert you by 5 am of a final decision. We appreciate your patience. Please know that the safety of our school community is our top priority.

#3 For the safety of our school community, INSERT NAME OF SCHOOL will be closed on INSERT DATE due to inclement weather. We have already used the three days that were built into our calendar for inclement weather. This will be a virtual instructional day.

#4 #1 For the safety of our school community, INSERT NAME OF SCHOOL will be delayed for two hours on INSERT DATE due to inclement weather.

PRINCIPALS IN ANNE ARUNDEL, BALTIMORE CITY, CARROLL, FREDERICK, and HOWARD counties: These public school systems have verified that they WILL be making a call to delay or to close schools for in person learners due to inclement weather. You are able to follow Policy ADM 13.1. During inclement weather, all schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore are to follow the directive of the jurisdiction in which the school is domiciled.

- For schools domiciled in one jurisdiction, but which draws a large percentage of students from a surrounding jurisdiction, the school can elect to follow the directive of the neighboring jurisdiction. The school must follow the jurisdiction with the more restrictive travel decision. For example, a school located in Baltimore City which draws a large number of students from Baltimore County, may elect to follow either Baltimore City or Baltimore County. In such a case if one district is opening two hours late, and the other jurisdiction is closing schools for the day, the school must follow the jurisdiction that has closed for the day. For a school electing this multi-jurisdictional approach, the school must announce which jurisdictions will be included for consideration at the beginning of the school year and the school must adhere to the same jurisdictions for the entire school year.
- In circumstances where the local jurisdiction has closed or delayed schools solely due to extreme cold temperatures, a school that does not have any enrolled students using public school transportation to be transported to or from school and after consultations with the Superintendent of Catholic School may be given permission by the Superintendent to open school or remain open.

Your calendar has three inclement weather days built into it. For the first three days, the days will NOT be instructional days. Any day beyond the third will need to be a virtual instructional day.