



APPOMATTOX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Staff

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Division Superintendent

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School Closing and Emergency Information

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In bad weather and other emergencies, Appomattox County Public Schools (ACPS) notify parents and staff about the status of school schedules in several ways. We utilize the following TV and radio stations:

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| WDBJ TV 7 | APPO Cable 21 |
| WSLS TV 10 | WKDE 105.5 FM & 1000 AM |
| WSET TV 13 | WROV 96.3 FM |
| WWBT TV 12 Richmond | Spirit 103.7 FM |
| WRLV 88.3 FM | WSLQ 99.1 FM |
| WFLO 95.7 FM & 870 AM | K92 FM |
| WSNV Sunny 93.5 FM | WJJS 104.9 FM & 102.7 FM |
| WYYD 107.9 FM | WSFF 106.1 FM & 101.7 FM |
| WVBE / VIBE 100.1 FM | WFIR 960 AM |
| WSLC Star Country 94.9 FM | |

We also use an automated calling system to deliver phone calls and text messages to staff regarding the status of school delays and closings.

It would be ideal to be able to notify all staff the night before snow or ice occurs so childcare plans could be made early, however, in many cases the frozen precipitation may not begin falling until after midnight. We use various information sites that predict and track weather events. Staff go out into several areas of the county to check road conditions when a snow/ice event occurs. We do our best to make a decision to close or delay by 5:30 a.m. There may be times when there is frozen precipitation in the western part of the county near Concord and no frozen precipitation on the eastern end near Pamplin. In those situations, we must close the entire school division as we must take into consideration all county roads on which our buses and students travel.

On days that we have advertised a two hour delay and the road conditions do not improve significantly before buses must leave for their route, we may have to move from a two hour delay to a closed status. We will put out all notifications as soon as possible when this situation occurs.

Should frozen precipitation begin to fall once school has begun, we will close schools as quickly as possible if that precipitation and freezing temperatures are scheduled to continue.

The safety of our staff is very important to us.

Please note the following codes:

- Code I - Administrators, teachers, clerical, maintenance, bus shop personnel, and custodial personnel report
- Code II - 12 month personnel report
- Code III - Designated central office administrators, principals, assistant principals, custodial, maintenance, and bus shop personnel report
- Code IV - No one reports

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