


# APPOMATTOX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*"Achieving Creative Prepared Students"*

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TO: Parents  
FROM: Dorinda G. Grasty, Ed. D.   
Division Superintendent  
DATE: October 29, 2014

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## School Closing and Emergency Information

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:

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	WJJS 104.9 FM & 102.7 FM
WYYD 107.9 FM	WSFF 106.1 FM & 101.7 FM
WVBE / VIBE 100.1 FM	WODI 1230 AM
WSLC Star Country 94.9 FM	WFIR 960 AM

We also use an automated calling system to deliver phone calls and text messages regarding the status of school delays and closings. This system calls all phone numbers you have registered at your child's school. Should your phone numbers change, please notify the school office to register your new numbers.

## CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF:

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It would be ideal to be able to notify all parents and 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 put out a notification of 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 students and staff is very important to us. We take these decisions very seriously and exercise caution when transporting the children of Appomattox County Public Schools.