

WEATHER CALLS

SAFETY IS OUR #1 PRIORITY

From time to time, it is necessary to close or delay schools due to conditions caused by inclement weather such as rain, flooding, snow, or ice. These are big decisions driven by a number of factors, **but student and staff safety will always be the most important consideration.**

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Built-In Weather Days

The KCS calendar includes eight days to be utilized for inclement weather situations.



Early Monitoring

KCS begins monitoring forecasts 72 hours in advance of potential inclement weather. Weather in East Tennessee is often unpredictable, so early monitoring is critical to avoid surprises.



Consulting the Experts

KCS works closely with the National Weather Service in Morristown. This relationship provides critical insights into developing weather patterns and allows KCS to make informed decisions based on reliable data.



Collaborating with Local Partners

KCS communicates consistently with bus contractors, local law enforcement, and public works departments to assess road conditions and potential hazards. These partnerships are essential to maintaining the safety of students and staff.



On-the-Ground Assessments

When inclement weather is expected overnight, the KCS Security Department and bus contractors begin assessing road conditions as early as possible, often as early as 4:00 in the morning. These evaluations identify any localized issues, such as flooding or icy roads, to inform the decision-making process.



Weather Conferences

The KCS Senior Leadership Team and members of District Leadership convene for a weather conference as soon as possible when inclement weather is predicted. These conferences include reports from relevant departments to ensure all information is considered before a decision to close or delay is made.



Timely Notifications

KCS understands the importance of timely communication to families. The moment a decision to close or delay is made, notifications are shared through ParentSquare, social media, the KCS website, and regional news outlets to keep everyone informed.

*Stay connected with
ParentSquare*



School Activities During Closures

When schools are closed due to inclement weather, school-related activities, including sports and extracurricular events, are generally canceled.