

School Closing / Delays

Cold weather is here again, and with it, the possibility of snow and ice conditions. The decision to close schools, dismiss early or delay opening is sometimes a difficult one to make, but it can be aided by having an effective plan in place. The Greeneville City Schools have a plan in place and we encourage our students/parents to also plan for the possibility of a weather event. Please make sure your child and their teacher know your plan before an early dismissal occurs. Calling the school to make last minute changes is not a good plan. The phone lines are busy and office personnel are often helping with the school dismissal plan. Unless you send specific alternative plans, the school will follow your child's normal dismissal routine: car rider, bus rider, ESP, YMCA. As with anything we do, the safety of our students, families and employees will be our number one priority when making a school closing/delay decision. By working together, we can be proactive when winter weather hits.

Please become familiar with the procedures listed below:

1. Greeneville City Schools closing and delayed opening information may be heard on any of the following radio and television stations (the information will also be posted on the system web site at www.gcschools.net)

<u>Radio</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>City</u>
WGRV/WSMG	1340/1450 AM	Greeneville
WIKQ	103.1 FM	Greeneville
WQUT	101.5 FM	Johnson City
<u>Television</u>	<u>Channel</u>	<u>City</u>
WBIR	CH 10	Knoxville
WJHL	CH 11	Johnson City
WCYB	CH 5	Bristol
WATE	CH 6	Knoxville
<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>Web Site</u>	<u>City</u>
Greeneville Sun	www.greenevillesun.com	Greeneville

2. The school system's emergency notification system (SchoolCast) will be used to notify employees and parents of closings, delays, and dismissals as an additional method of communication. Please make sure you are signed up to receive SchoolCast messages.

3. Parents are reminded that when schools are on a one or two-hour delay, there is a possibility that school could still be called off for the entire day. **Therefore, parents should not drop children off at school until the appropriate starting time. One hour delay drop off is 8:30 and two hour delay drop off is 9:30.**

4. On days when students are released early, decisions may require immediate action; therefore, parents are asked to have a plan in place so that children know where to be delivered by bus or who will be picking them up. This will alleviate concern on the part of the children and allow school phone lines to remain open for emergencies.

5. Parents should note that when school is dismissed early due to bad weather, middle and high school bus routes will be run first. Elementary routes will run as soon as middle/high school routes are completed. High school students that drive will be dismissed as soon as the early dismissal decision is made.