

Weather - Information

Two Hour Delayed Start -Hazardous Weather Conditions

Central Schools has implemented a Two Hour Delayed Start for days that meet the criteria for a delayed start. If weather conditions are too hazardous for safely transporting students to school, schools will be closed for the entire day. If the weather conditions are expected to improve on the morning of inclement weather, instead of cancelling the entire day of school Central may choose to enact a two hour delayed start.

We have had several days over the past couple of years where wind chill temperatures at the start of the day were dangerously cold, but two hours later the conditions improved significantly. Instead of losing an entire day of school, a two hour delay allows for classes to be held without losing another day of school in the winter. If conditions are not expected to improve, then school will be cancelled for the entire day.

Under a late start scenario, parents would receive notifications the same as they do now – through School Messenger, TV, and radio. All efforts will be made to announce a delayed start the night before prior to 10pm.

Once the decision is made for late start, all schools would start classes two hours later than normal:

Central High School/Central Junior High School would begin at 10:10 a.m.

Central Middle School and Central Elementary Schools would begin at 10:15.

Morning Pre-K would be cancelled on the day of a delayed start. Afternoon Pre-K would continue as normal.

All bus routes would travel two hours later when a delayed start is declared. Parents should plan on their children being picked up two hours later than their normal pickup time on bus routes.

Breakfast would not be served. Lunch would be served at its normal times.

Buildings would open two hours later, thus no early drop-off of students could occur. Parents may drop off their children at their school any time after 9:45 on a delayed start day.

School would dismiss at its usual time at the end of the day.



Weather/Emergency Dismissal

In the event that school must be dismissed due to bad weather, equipment breakdowns or other unusual reason, the general public will be notified through radio stations (WTAD & WGEM) and TV stations (KHQA & WGEM)

The district also utilizes the “School Messenger” system that will notify parents/guardians through a mass calling.

It is important that the phone information provided is correct and up-to-date. If there are changes to be made, please contact the administrative office where your child attends.

