



Avondale Meadows Academy

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

The AMA Principal, Staff, and Board of Directors hope that school can be open every day; however, to ensure student safety, school may be closed some days during the school year due to dangerous weather and road conditions. The procedures outlined below will be followed in the case of inclement weather.

WHAT CAN THE SCHOOL DO TO RESPOND TO HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS?

- **Close the school** under extreme conditions.
- **Delay the opening of the schools by two hours:**
 - Start time – 10:00 a.m.
- **Dismiss school early** under carefully monitored conditions.

HOW WILL FAMILIES LEARN ABOUT THESE DECISIONS?

- The school staff will evaluate weather and road conditions before 5:45 a.m.
- By 6:15 a.m., information about any closings or delays will be shared with you via our school-to-parent outreach tool (*Parent Alert*), as well the major TV stations.
- Check the following TV stations:
 - WRTV-TV Channel 6
 - WISH-TV Channel 8
 - WTHR-TV Channel 13
 - WXIN-TV Channel 59
- Please do not call the TV stations or the schools while waiting for an announcement; calls will only tie-up telephone lines and delay the announcement from reaching the media. The media will not announce that school is open (only if it is delayed or closed).

WILL THE YMCA PROVIDE BEFORE AND/OR AFTER CARE?

- If AMA is on a two-hour delay, the YMCA will open at 6:30- its regularly scheduled time - for students enrolled in Y-care.
- If school is cancelled or students dismissed early, there will not be any YMCA programming.

WHAT ARE PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES IN "SNOW DAY" SITUATIONS?

- When school is closed or delayed, parents should make arrangements for child care or supervision.
- In some cases, a school delay may be extended to a school closing if conditions worsen. Under these extreme circumstances, you will be contacted through our school-to-parent outreach tool (*Parent Alert*).
- In rare instances of extreme weather, students may be dismissed from school early. Early dismissal announcements will be made via our school-to-parent outreach tool (*Parent Alert*), as early as possible, as well as over the radio/TV stations.
- Of course, parents always have the responsibility to decide if conditions are safe for their children. Decisions about whether to keep the school open, have a two-hour delay, or close school is made based on the conditions of the majority of streets and roads and may not reflect specific conditions at a particular residence.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PARENTS DECIDE TO KEEP CHILDREN HOME DURING CERTAIN WEATHER CONDITIONS?

- If school is open and a student stays home during days of bad weather (even with parent permission), the student must be recorded as absent in order to comply with state attendance guidelines.

DO SNOW DAYS NEED TO BE MADE UP?

- The Avondale Meadows Academy schedules **183** school days per year. We have one built-in flex day (President's Day) that may be used as make up days.