

Weather Related School Closing Procedures

When considering schedule changes due to inclement weather, NCS continues to take its lead from the Wausau and D.C. Everest School Districts. Each district varies in its standards and definitions of closure. These differences can cause confusion as NCS crosses both districts. To assist in alleviating confusion, a school-by-school breakdown of procedures is laid out below. Any changes to these procedures will be communicated. Be sure to read **ALL** announcements and updates to avoid missing information.

In the instance of inclement weather, the following tools will be the standard of communication used to announce schedule changes:

- **Constant Contact:** will be sent to the parents directly affected by the schedule changes.
- **Facebook and NCS website** (pop-up upon entering www.newmancatholicschools.com)
- **TV Stations:** Channel 9 (www.waow.com), Channel 7 (www.wsaw.com) and Channel 12 (www.wjfw.com)
- **Midwest Communications Radio:** 95.5 WIFC, 101.9 WDEZ, Rock 94.7, 550AM WSAU, 1390AM Fox Sports
- **Skylert Messaging:** digital messaging sent via email, phone, and text. Manage Skylert Messaging through Skyward Family Access. *** Skylert may not be the fastest method for last minute changes. Refer to the communication tools above first.

Delays: the definition of delay varies by district

- **Wausau School District – Bus Delays** – this only affects students who are picked up by First Student. Students bused by First Student will be picked up based on the delayed time. Classes at St. Anne and Newman Catholic Middle/High School will continue to run on normal schedule. Students that are dropped off, walk or ride the city bus are expected to be at school at the regularly scheduled time. 4K AM/PM programs in the WSD area will be cancelled when busing is delayed.
- **D.C. Everest School District – School Delays** – delays in DCE affect the actual school day for St. Mark and St. Therese. The start of day at St. Mark will be delayed by two hours, following the DCE district. 4K AM/PM classes will be cancelled at both St. Mark and St. Therese. Unless specified differently, childcare programs at both schools will run as regularly scheduled.

School-by-School Procedures:

NCMS/HS -

- **Delayed Starts** – delays only affect students riding a yellow school bus. Classes will start as previously scheduled for everyone else. Please note: delayed busing is considered an excused absence. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays.
- **Early Release** – when closing early, NC MS/HS follows Wausau School District’s lead. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Bused students will be picked up according to the schedule below. Pickup times are flexible during travel delays. At times, the two public school districts do not align in their decisions to close early or at the same time; for example:
 - DCE closes early but WSD does not, this will affect DCE bused students only. In this case, parents of DCE bused students will be contacted letting them know when busses will arrive for pickup. If parents wish for students to remain the entire day, notify school and arrange for transportation at the end of the day and notify the school.
 - Wausau closes early but DCE does not, **ALL** students should be picked up. If a student who is bused from DCE does not have alternative transportation, other than the bus home, parents should contact the office to discuss arrangements.
- **Closing** - follows the Wausau School District "Public and Private" closing announcements.

NCES: St. Anne -

Follows Wausau School District closing announcements and early release times. Bus delays will affect those students riding a yellow school bus through First Student only. Classes will begin as regularly scheduled.

WSD Dismissal & Bus Pick-up Times – Early Release (St. Anne and NCMS/HS)

<i>Dismissal Time (parents pick up if not riding the bus)</i>	11:30 am	12:00 pm	12:30 pm	1:00 pm	1:30 pm
<i>Bus Pick-up Time (First Student)</i>	11:20 am	11:50 am	12:20 pm	12:50 pm	1:20 pm

NCES: St. Mark - Follows DCE School District closing announcements and early release times. Bus/School delays will affect the start of the students’ school day.

NCECC: St. Therese – 4K closings follow DC Everest District closing announcements.

NCECC: St. Michael - 3 year old preschool and 4K closings follow Wausau School District closing announcements.

*** **Child Care closures (St. Michael & St. Therese)** – may occur to ensure the safety of students, families & child care employees. In these rare instances, site directors will make the best decision for the safety of all. Closures will be messaged directly to parents and communicated as stated above.