

LATE START GUIDELINES

The weather in Eau Claire and across Wisconsin is famous for its changing conditions. The Eau Claire Area School District, in consultation with Student Transit, will use a two-hour delay in school start times when inclement weather requires time to promote safer travel to school. Decisions about whether to close school due to inclement weather or to use a two-hour delay are typically made by 6 a.m. If the schools are closed because of bad weather, all athletic, after-school, and evening events are also canceled.

Announcements of these decisions are made by local television and radio stations, on the District's website, via the District's Facebook and Twitter accounts, and an email is sent to those parent(s)/guardian(s) who have provided email addresses.

When a TWO-HOUR DELAY is announced, the following changes will be made to the school day:

- ◆ Busses will run two hours after their normal schedule.
- ◆ Buildings will begin classes two hours after the normal start time.
 - *At North, no Early Bird classes will run and students should report to their **first hour** classes upon their arrival for a 9:33 am start to the day.*
- ◆ Cold breakfast will be served at all schools and school lunch will be at or around the normal time.
- ◆ All morning and afternoon District Early Learning Programs (Head Start, Early Learning & EC4T) will be cancelled. Please note that if your child attends an EC4T community site, you should contact that site directly.

As we know, weather conditions can change rapidly. In the event that a two-hour delay must be reconsidered, the decision to close schools for the full day will be made no later than 8 a.m. The same process will be used if bad weather or a peak energy alert develops after school has started for the day. You, as a parent, may decide that the weather is too severe to send your child to school (especially a younger child). The School District respects your decision in this matter. Please send an excuse when your child returns.