

Bedford County Public Schools

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School Administration Office



BCPS Families,

As we quickly approach the winter season, we wanted to communicate with you about our process for making school weather-related decisions. We live in the fifth largest county geographically in Virginia with many miles of roadway. Due to our large county and geographical diversity, weather sometimes impacts some areas in the county more significantly than others. Student and staff safety is our top priority and the guiding factor in making these decisions. When making the decision to either cancel or delay school, we will communicate as soon as possible as we understand the impact on families.

Virtual learning days will be utilized only when necessary, such as when schools are closed due to weather for multiple, consecutive days. Teachers will load assignments in Canvas courses for students to access with their Chromebooks. If students are unable to complete their assignments due to lack of internet access, teachers will allow for extended time for work to be submitted once schools reopen.

The following codes will be used this year to communicate with you during times of inclement weather. Families are encouraged to look for official information on the division's social media pages and website, in addition to announcements being sent through email to all families. To receive email notification, please ensure your child's school has your updated email and contact information. Codes will also be shared with local media after the division has made the information available through its own communication vehicles mentioned above. We greatly value and appreciate your partnership as we continue to work together throughout this school year.

- **Closed, Employee Code 1: *No Employees Report***
 - All BCPS activities are canceled, including athletic practices and competitions, trips, and any other events in schools.
- **Closed, Employee Code 2: *Essential Personnel Only Report***
 - All BCPS activities are canceled, including athletic practices and competitions, trips, and any other events in schools.
- **Closed, Employee Code 3: *Closed for in-person learning (Virtual Learning Day) – Offices Opening at 10 a.m.***
 - The Supervisor of Transportation will send notification by 11 a.m. regarding if BCPS activities can be held that day. If able, activities may occur after 3:45 p.m.
- **Closed, Employee Code 4: *Closed - Offices Opening at 10 a.m.***
 - The Supervisor of Transportation will send notification by 11 a.m. regarding if BCPS activities can be held that day.
- **Closed, Employee Code 5: *Closed for in-person learning (Virtual Learning Day) – Offices Opening at 8 a.m.***
 - The Supervisor of Transportation will send notification by 11 a.m. regarding if BCPS activities can be held that day. If able, activities may occur after 3:45 p.m.
- **Closed, Employee Code 6: *Closed - Offices Opening at 8 a.m.***
 - The Supervisor of Transportation will send notification by 11 a.m. regarding if BCPS activities can be held that day.
- **2-Hour Delay**
 - Schools will open two hours late, and bus routes will be delayed by exactly 2 hours.

***ALL CODES: When students are not present for in-person instruction, offices close at 4 p.m.**

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