



Weather Delays/Closings: Overview

Each weather situation is evaluated individually, considering factors such as temperature, wind chill, daylight, road conditions, and current and forecasted weather before deciding to delay or close school.

Decision Process for Weather Delays/Closures

The decision to delay or close school is made by the superintendent, with safety as the top priority. The process involves:

1. **Monitoring Weather Data:**
Weather conditions, including snow, ice, extreme temperatures, and severe weather, are tracked using multiple sources. The impact and duration of weather events are analyzed for informed decision-making.
2. **Assessing Road and School Conditions:**
 - By 3:30 a.m., the superintendent drives over 60 miles of bus routes across the county to assess road conditions.
 - By 5:00 a.m., the transportation director ensures buses are operational and warmed up for students and drivers.
3. **Collaborating with Other Superintendents:**
Local weather updates are gathered from apps, news outlets, Ohio County Dispatch, and the county highway department. Discussions with nearby superintendents begin around 5:00 a.m.
4. **Synthesizing Information:**
All data is reviewed, and a decision is made before 5:30 a.m., when the first bus departs. In some cases, decisions are based on forecasts even if conditions have not yet developed (e.g., predicted snow between 6:00–8:00 a.m.).
5. **Communicating Decisions:**
If a delay or closure is decided, notifications are promptly shared through:
 - **Blackboard Connect:** Automated calls to contact information in PowerSchool (ensure your details are current).
 - **District Social Media, Website, and Local Media Outlets.**

Notification Channels for Weather-Related Decisions

Parents and staff will be notified through:

- **Blackboard Connect:** Check PowerSchool to make sure we have your correct phone number.
- **Social Media:**
 - Facebook: [Rising Sun-Ohio County Schools](#)
- **Website:** [RSOCS](#)
- **Radio Stations:** Eagle 99.3 FM, Froggy 95.9 FM.

eLearning and Make-Up Days

In the event of weather-related school closures, Rising Sun-Ohio County Schools (RSOCS) has a structured plan for making up lost instructional time, utilizing both scheduled make-up days and eLearning.

Make-Up Day Schedule

1. **First Three Weather-Related Days Off:**

These days will be made up on the following scheduled make-up days:

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 15)**
- **President's Day (February 19)**
- **Good Friday (March 29)**

2. **Next Three Weather-Related Days Off:**

For the 4th, 5th, and 6th weather-related closures, **asynchronous eLearning** will be used.

- **Asynchronous eLearning:**

Students complete assignments on their own schedules. Teachers provide lessons and activities in advance through platforms like Microsoft Teams, Class Dojo, or other learning management systems. Students must submit completed work by the deadlines provided. While there are no live, real-time interactions required during the day, teachers will be available during school hours to answer questions.

3. **Seventh Weather-Related Day Off:**

The 7th weather-related closure will be made up with an in-person day on **May 23**.

4. **Weather-Related Days Beyond Seven:**

If additional closures occur after the 7th day, RSOCS will implement **synchronous eLearning**.

- **Synchronous eLearning:**

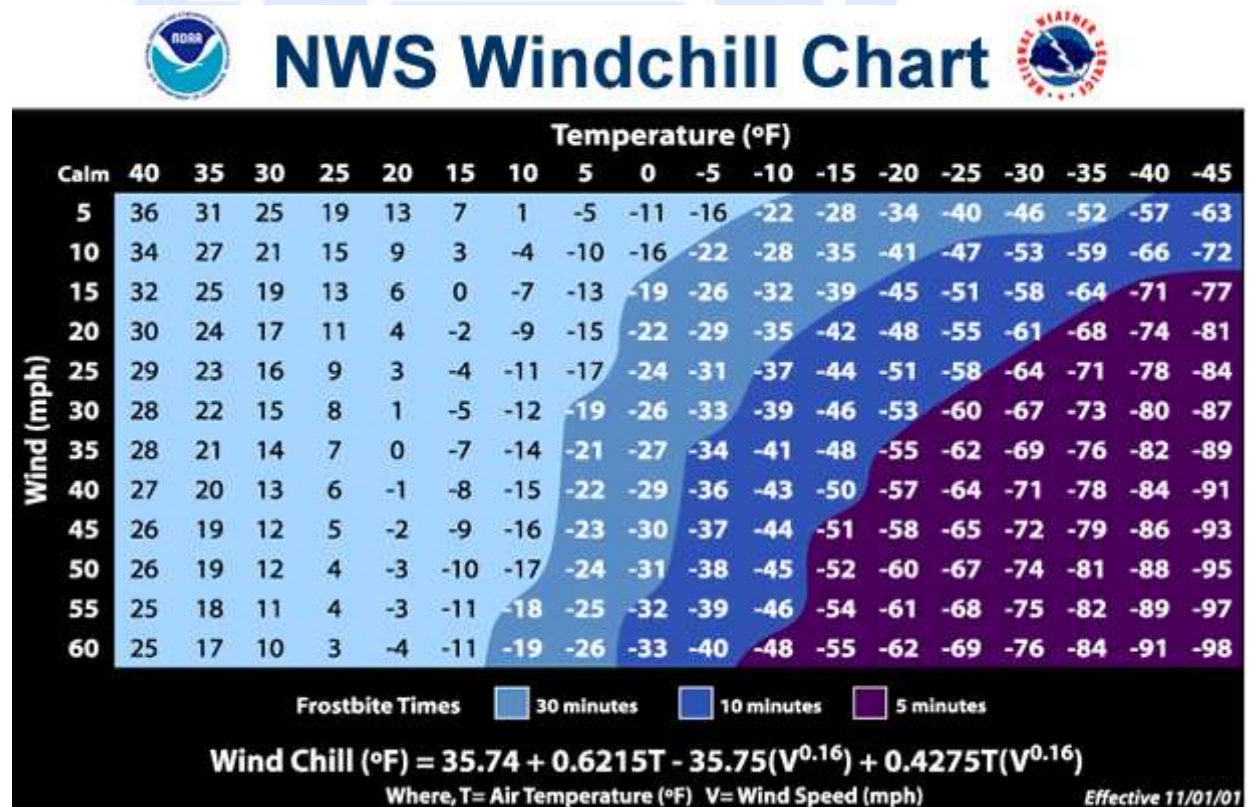
Students in grades 3-12 participate in live, real-time classes with their teachers through video conferencing tools like Microsoft Teams. Attendance is taken, and students are expected to follow a schedule similar to a 2-hour delay schedule, which will be shared in advance through email, the school website, and other

communication platforms. This ensures continuity of instruction and interaction between students and teachers.

Extreme Temperatures

The superintendent uses National Weather Service (NWS) wind chill charts to assess safety risks. The NWS Wind Chill Temperature Index evaluates:

- Wind speed at 5 feet (typical face height).
- Heat loss from the body in cold, windy conditions.
- Factors like tissue resistance and no sun impact (clear night sky).



2-Hour Delay Schedules

General Details:

- Schools start two hours later; buses follow normal routes with adjusted pick-up times.
- Modified schedules apply to middle and high schools.

- If weather permits, limited staff will arrive at 7:30 a.m. to allow parents who need to get to work to drop their child(ren) off. However, please understand that if this service is used, there is still a chance of closure, requiring parents to pick their child(ren) back up.

Ohio County Middle School Schedule:

- **Periods:**
 - 1st: 10:00–10:30
 - 2nd: 10:35–11:05
 - 3rd: 11:10–11:40
 - 4th: 11:45–12:15
 - 5th: 1:00–1:30
 - 6th: 1:35–2:15
 - 8th: 2:20–3:00 (No 7th period)
- **Lunches:**
 - PreK–2: 10:30–11:10
 - 3rd–5th: 11:20–11:50
 - Middle School: 12:20–12:50
- **Recess:**
 - PreK–2: 11:15–12:00
 - 3rd–5th: 11:50–12:20
- **No specials between 12:20–12:55.**

Rising Sun High School Schedule:

- **Periods:**
 - 1st: 10:00–10:30
 - 2nd: 10:35–11:05
 - 3rd: 11:10–11:40
 - 4th: 11:45–12:15
 - 5th (includes lunch): 12:20–1:30
 - A Lunch: 12:15–12:45
 - B Lunch: 1:00–1:30
 - 6th: 1:35–2:15
 - 8th: 2:20–3:00 (No 7th period)