



Richmond County Board of Education
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Information Regarding Inclement Weather

The decision to open, delay, or close school in bad weather is based on the weather conditions and the situations listed below:

- x Information on road conditions from transportation staff, maintenance staff and police. Careful consideration is given to potential dangerous roads in the district. If the road in view looks clear, streets or roads elsewhere in the county may be dangerous for adult drivers and especially student drivers.
- x Amount of ice or snow accumulated.
- x Whether or not there is continuing precipitation.
- x Building conditions (such as to whether there is electricity and heat).
- x Parking lot conditions. Administrators talk to maintenance and custodial staff responsible for clearing and treating school parking lots and sidewalks.
- x Temperature and wind chill. Many students walk to school and some must wait for the bus.
- x Weather predictions. The practice of making decisions based on weather predictions are not always accurate. But sometimes it becomes necessary to delay or close school.
- x What other school districts are doing. When possible, information is shared with other school districts.

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for making the decision to open, delay, or close school. This decision is based on the above factors and recommendations from the Director of Transportation and the Director of Facilities.

Ì HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

Information will be posted on the Richmond County School System website at rcss.org. The public can also tune to WJFTV, WAG-TV, WRDWTV news, WGAS radio or read the Augusta Chronicle for upto-date information on school closings.

Ì WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

Generally, the decision is made by 5:00 AM or earlier so that the media can be notified, that such information can be posted on the school system's website.