



## *In the Event of Bad Weather or an Emergency... Here's How to Check School Status*

Occasionally inclement weather or other safety or health conditions require FCPS to cancel, delay or otherwise change school routines or schedules. Typically, cancellation and delay decisions are made by 5 AM that day and announced soon after. If weather becomes a factor after school is in session, a decision to close early is made, whenever possible, by 10 AM that day. Very rarely, FCPS may be required to take student safety precautions immediately, with little or no notice. Although we notify many regional news outlets, we encourage parents and guardians to use the following sources for the most accurate news.

***For the fastest, most reliable school status information, check:***

***[Facebook FCPSMaryland](#)***

***[Twitter @FCPSMaryland](#)***

***Internet [www.fcps.org](http://www.fcps.org)***

***FindOutFirst email; add your mobile phone for texts: [www.fcps.org/fof](http://www.fcps.org/fof)***

***FCPS Television on Comcast Cable Channel 18 and online [www.fcps.org/tv](http://www.fcps.org/tv)***

***Delay Schedule for Half-Day Pre-K\**** On days when school opens 2 hours late, morning and afternoon pre-k\* students attend 1½-hour sessions. Breakfast is served in morning classes, which start 2 hours late and dismiss 1 hour later than usual. Afternoon classes start 1 hour late and dismiss at the regular time.

***Delay Schedule for CTC*** On days when school opens 2 hours late, morning Career & Technology Center classes start 2 hours late and dismiss about 1 hour later than usual. The afternoon session starts 40 minutes later than usual and dismisses at the regular time.

***Early Dismissal*** When schools close 1 hour early due to inclement weather, morning half-day programs follow their normal schedules, afternoon half-day pre-k\*, afternoon CTC, Flexible Evening HS and Heather Ridge Twilight programs are canceled; CTC students remain at their home schools.

When schools close 2 hours early due to inclement weather, morning half-day pre-k\* students remain at school for dismissal with full-day students. Lunches are served. Afternoon half-day pre-k\* and CTC programs are canceled; CTC students remain at their home schools. Flexible Evening HS and Heather Ridge Twilight programs are canceled.

When schools close 3 to 3.5 hours early due to inclement weather, morning half-day pre-k\* students remain at school for dismissal with full-day students, morning CTC students follow normal schedules, afternoon pre-k\*, CTC, Flexible Evening HS and Heather Ridge Twilight programs are canceled.

***Evening Activities*** School- and FCPS-sponsored afterschool/evening activities (sports, plays, BOE meetings, etc.) and evening instructional programs (such as Flexible Evening HS & the Twilight Program) are generally canceled on days when school is canceled or closes early.

\*PreK references in this document do not apply to charter schools.

Additional information is online in Regulation 400-2: <https://apps.fcps.org/legal/doc.php?number=400-02>