

Fayette R-III School District Closing Procedures

In the event school will be closed or dismissed early, the announcement will be made through the following outlets:

Textcaster (*Falcon Alerts*) – text message alert for all Textcaster subscribers

Radio Stations:

1230 am KWIX, 104.7 fm KRES, 99.9 fm KIRK - Moberly

102.9 fm KMMO - Marshall

94.7 KPIP-LP fm – Fayette Community Radio

TV Stations:

KOMU-8 - Columbia

KMIZ-17 - Columbia

KRCG-13 - Jefferson City

The District will attempt to reach a school closing decision by 5:30 a.m. However, weather conditions may enable a decision to be made the night before or may change drastically after 5:30 a.m. which would cause a decision to be delayed until a later time. When the decision is made to close school due to inclement weather, it is understood that all buildings within the District are closed for the day. All decisions will be based upon actual conditions within District boundaries to the extent possible and not a weather forecast. Once the decision is made to close school, the above media outlets will immediately be notified, the message will be posted on the school district website, and a textcaster message alert will be sent. Textcaster is the fastest and earliest announcement to the public when schools are closed due to weather or any other emergency event. If you have not signed up for textcaster and would like to do so, you may sign up on the district web site home page under *Falcon Alerts*.

The decision to close school is made based upon whether students and staff can get to and from school safely. District staff monitor road conditions within the district boundaries and surrounding areas to determine whether buses and student and staff vehicles can safely travel all roads, most importantly the back roads that are not maintained by the highway department. Ongoing communication with surrounding school districts and weather reports aid in the final decision.

The decision to use a late start option will be made to best serve the students of the district by allowing them the opportunity to get to school safely at a later time and

utilize a day of instruction where previously the day would have needed to be made up. Breakfast is not served on these days and there is no morning preschool. School begins at 9:50 a.m. Bus routes run 2 hours later than regular times.

The decision to dismiss school early takes into account the same factors as above, but also considers the time that must be allowed to notify bus drivers and enable them to get to school as well as whether a meal can be provided to students before dismissal.