



# APPOMATTOX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow*

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TO: Staff

FROM: Annette A. Bennett, Ed. D.  
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## School Closing and Emergency Information

In bad weather and other emergencies, Appomattox County Public Schools (ACPS) notify parents and staff about the status of school schedules in several ways. We utilize the following TV and radio stations:

WDBJ TV 7	APPO Cable 21
WSLS TV 10	WKDE 105.5 FM & 1000 AM
WSET TV 13	WROV 96.3 FM
WWBT TV 12 Richmond	Spirit 103.7 FM
WRLV 88.3 FM	WSLQ 99.1 FM
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MIX 93.5 FM	WJJS 104.9 FM & 102.7 FM
WYYD 107.9 FM	STEVE FM 106.1 FM & 101.7 FM
WVBE / VIBE 100.1 FM & 97.7 FM	WFIR 960 AM
WSLC Star Country 94.9 FM	

We also use our webpage, our mobile APP, and an automated calling system to deliver phone calls and text messages to staff regarding the status of school delays and closings.

It would be ideal to be able to notify all staff the night before a weather event occurs so childcare plans could be made early, however, in many cases that is not possible. We use various information sites that predict and track weather events. In the winter, staff go out into several areas of the county to check road conditions when a snow/ice event occurs. We do our best to make a decision to close or delay by 5:30 a.m. There may be times when there is frozen precipitation in one area of the county and not all areas. In those situations, we must close the entire school division as we must take into consideration all county roads on which our buses and students travel.

On days that we have advertised a two-hour delay and the road conditions do not improve significantly before buses must leave for their route, we may have to move from a two-hour delay to a closed status. We will put out all notifications as soon as possible when this situation occurs.

Should any threatening weather conditions develop once school has begun, we will close schools as quickly as possible to get students and staff home safely.

The safety of our staff is very important to us.

Please note the following codes:

- Code I - Administrators, teachers, clerical, maintenance, bus shop personnel, and custodial personnel report
- Code II - 12 month personnel report
- Code III - Designated central office administrators, principals, assistant principals, custodial, maintenance, and bus shop personnel report
- Code IV - No one reports

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