



SOCRATES ACADEMY

A North Carolina Public Charter School

Understanding Our Inclement Weather Procedures

The safety of all families and staff members is our first concern when making decisions about closing, delaying start time, or dismissing early. In cases when there is inclement weather, a decision to close school or operate on a delay will be announced on our website, social media, email blast, and text message through Remind (sent through homeroom teacher).

After school activities will be cancelled if school closes or is dismissed early. Before school care will not be available on delayed start times. If weather worsens in the late afternoon but school is dismissed at regular time, Socrates Academy BOD, Leadership Team, and Athletic Director will decide whether to cancel practices and activities.

How will we know school is closed?

We will notify all news stations in the Charlotte metro area, update Social Media sites, send an email blast and post on the front page of our website.

Why do we delay if we don't have buses?

Although we do not have busses, we are still focused on the safety of road conditions that affect the Socrates Academy community that travels from the surrounding area. This is our first concern when making decisions.

What can I do to help during inclement weather?

- Continue to follow carpool routines.
- If the wind-chill is particularly low, we may house children inside a building doorway for an extra moment to lessen the time they are standing in frigid conditions
- Make sure your child has the appropriate clothing (winter coat, mittens, scarf, hat, etc.) to stay bundled up. It is extra helpful if you mark your child's name in these items as they are the first to end up in lost and found and we want to return them to their owner!

Will school release early and how will we be notified?

In very rare cases, the weather may take a serious turn during the day and the decision to release students early may be necessary. In this situation, an email Blast would be sent to parents with instructions for picking up students.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make changes in routine and schedule easy on our scholars. We appreciate your adherence to the procedures and your cooperation during inclement weather.