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INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES
Do you know how your child is getting home?

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Jasper, Georgia – Now that it seems we have definitely entered into winter, the Pickens County School District wants to make sure you are aware of how we will proceed in case of inclement weather. Our number one priority is to make sure our students and staff are safe.

EARLY RELEASE / DISMISSAL

At the beginning of every school year, each parent completes a form where a choice is made regarding what your child will do in case school is released early. Should school ever be released early, your child will go home based on your selection on the form. Following this procedure allows us to account for all students and make sure they are safe, which is the most important part of what we do.

If you need to make changes, those need to be handled before inclement weather takes place. This can be done by sending in a note to the school along with your child's name, whether your child will be a car rider or bus rider (include their bus number), your signature, and a telephone number. We have specific protocols and procedures we follow because it is extremely difficult for our school office staff to handle large volumes of calls and notify teachers with last minute changes. Also, we ask that you not email teachers with changes in how your child should be transported for early release. There is no way to guarantee a message is received.

HOW YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED

In the case of early release, start time delays, or school closings, the school district will utilize the Infinite Campus Messenger service to notify parents and guardians. The Messenger service sends phone calls, emails, and notifications to your Infinite Campus account. It is critical that you notify central registration or the school if your phone number changes.

If there is a need for a delayed start time, we will make that call as early as possible, and hopefully no later than 5:30 or 6:00 a.m. Weather is unpredictable, so there may be an occasion that the call comes a little later.



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For school closings, you can also tune in to Atlanta news stations, district and school Facebook pages, and local news media – Know Pickens, Pickens Progress, and Fetch Your News.

Again, our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We want everyone to arrive safely to their destination. Also of great concern to the district is the number of inexperienced high school drivers who are new to driving in inclement weather.

Make certain that you take care of updating telephone numbers and transportation directions before a weather event occurs.

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