



# Waterloo Christian School

*Weather Closure/Delay and Notification Guidelines*

## **Safety is Priority #1**

The well-being and safety of our families traveling to and from school is the most important consideration in determining school closure, delay, or early dismissal. Our school enrolls families from over 500 square miles and although some roads in Blackhawk County may be passable, there may be road or weather conditions in other parts of our territory warranting a closure or delay. This document serves as a guideline to help inform families of our protocols and communication for school closures and delays. Regardless of the decision of the school, parents have ultimate authority in making decisions that are in the best interest of your family.

## **Considerations**

Several factors are considered when making decisions about the school's operations and safety of our families. This includes road conditions, weather conditions (past, present, future), wind-chill temperature, actual temperature, and condition of our building/facilities.

## **Timing of Weather Closure Decisions**

The Head of School will make every effort to make an informed decision and communicate with families as early as possible. Our intent is to announce a school closure decision by 5:30 a.m. In some cases, a decision may be made and communicated the evening before. If no communication is distributed, this means that the school is operating as normal.

## **School Activities**

In the event of an early dismissal, after-school activities are typically cancelled or rescheduled for a later date. Exceptions would be communicated through the Waterloo Christian School website and Facebook.

## **Emergency Plan**

Parents are encouraged to create an emergency plan for your family. Parents should plan with their students where to go or what to do if a parent is not home and school is closed, delayed, or dismissed early.

## **Delayed Start**

During Delayed Start, the standard time that school operations will begin is 10:00 a.m. Students should arrive no earlier than 9:45 a.m. in a delayed start day.

## **Early Release**

Early Dismissal decisions and timing may vary depending on the unique weather factors.

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# Communication of Weather Closure/Delay

**Website:** Front page of the Waterloo Christian School website.

**Facebook:** Waterloo Christian School Facebook account.

**RenWeb Parent Alert:** Parent Alert System (Text/Phone Call)

*Note: Your contact information must be up-to-date in Renweb to receive an electronic Parent Alert.*

**KWWL News Station**