



INFORMATION REGARDING DELAYS/CANCELLATIONS

As we enter the winter season, we want to share information about how delays and/or cancellations are decided as well as how they will be shared with our school community.

Guidelines for Delays/Cancellations due to Weather

- Weather conditions can vary and be extreme..
- WCS has students from all areas of Wabash county as well as surrounding counties. As a result, varying weather and/or road conditions could be present on our transportation routes.
- On days with possible inclement weather, WCS will take the following steps to decide upon a delay and/or cancellation.
 - The transportation department will drive roads to determine if conditions warrant a delay/cancellation.
 - Transportation department will collaborate with neighboring districts.
 - Superintendent will also collaborate with superintendents in neighboring districts.
- Delays/cancellations will be shared via the following TV and radio stations as well as the following social media outlets:
 - TV stations: WANE Channel 15, WPTA Channel 21
 - Radio stations: 105.9 The Bash, 95.9 WKUZ
 - Social media: Wabash City Schools Facebook page and Dr. Sivley's Facebook page
 - ParentSquare
 - Delays will be communicated by 6:45 a.m.; cancellations will be communicated by 8:45 a.m.
- Delays/cancellations can be called for a variety of weather situations
 - Freezing Rain--most unpredictable; decisions will most likely be made in the morning
 - Snowfall--more predictable than freezing rain; because of the variation in predictions and actual snowfall, decisions will most likely be made in the morning



- o Extreme Snowfall-- snowfall is extreme or it at a high level with more predicted overnight; decisions could be made the evening before or in the morning
- o Extreme Cold--WCS has a large number of students that walk to school and bus stops; if temperatures are at or near -10 degrees (with calm winds), WCS will consider delaying/canceling
- o Windchill (see chart below)--frostbite can occur when windchill is at or below -20 degrees; when windchill is at or near this level, WCS will consider delaying/canceling



Wind Chill Chart



		Temperature (°F)																		
		Calm	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
Wind (mph)	5	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-63	
	10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72	
	15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77	
	20	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	-74	-81	
	25	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-84	
	30	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-87	
	35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-89	
	40	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-91	
	45	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93	
	50	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95	
	55	25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97	
60	25	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98		

Frostbite Times: 30 minutes (light blue), 10 minutes (medium blue), 5 minutes (dark blue)

Wind Chill (°F) = 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) + 0.4275T(V^{0.16})
 Where, T= Air Temperature (°F) V= Wind Speed (mph) Effective 11/01/01

Please know that in all decisions around weather, student safety is our top priority!