



# Coweta County School System

*Coweta Committed to Student Success*

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## Inclement weather procedures for Coweta Schools

As we start our second semester of the school year, we want to remind parents and the community of the **procedures** that Coweta County schools and the school system follow in the event of severe weather conditions. While we do not currently anticipate weather conditions that may affect school operations, the winter and early spring have historically been the most likely time for such conditions to arise.

During severe weather watches or warnings, the school system works with local authorities to monitor conditions and proceeds with arrival and dismissal based upon known conditions. Weather conditions can change rapidly, and adjustments are made as needed.

In the event that schools are delayed, closed or released early, there are a variety of ways that the school system notifies parents, including:

- Remind and school text services
- Automated phone call
- Media outlets (television, radio and media websites)
- District website ([www.cowetaschools.net](http://www.cowetaschools.net))
- Facebook and X (Twitter) (@CowetaSchools)

**Parents are urged to make sure that their child's school has their latest emergency contact information, including new phone numbers, and home and work numbers, so that they can be contacted during such events. You can do so by contacting your child's school.**

In the event of severe weather, a determination will be made each day on whether to cancel school operations, delay the start of the school day, or watch for the need to close school early. These decisions are made on travel safety and road conditions, the possibility of power outages at our schools, and other factors. Storm severity, weather arrival and anticipated travel conditions can be difficult to assess. Once a determination can be made, however, the school system will notify parents and the community as quickly as possible.

If the school system cannot make a final determination on the evening before a school day, a determination early the following morning may be necessary. Updates are typically placed on the system's website ([cowetaschools.net](http://cowetaschools.net)) and social media pages as the school system evaluates local conditions, and parents are notified by call and/or text when final decisions are made.

Parents of bus riders should also be aware that extremely cold morning temperatures can cause delays on morning routes. Our transportation department works to pick up students as quickly as possible during these conditions. In the case of a delayed school opening, normal transportation pick-up times are similarly delayed (i.e., a two-hour delayed start of school would mean a two-hour delay for normal bus pick-up times).

Thank you as always for your support of our schools, and best to all in the New Year.