



Press Release: Wednesday, October 30, 2024

We are excited to welcome students back to school after the devastation to our county from Hurricane Helene. Mitchell County Schools will reopen for students on Thursday, November 7th. Schools will operate on a one-hour delay until further notice. This is to ensure buses and student drivers are on the road during daylight hours in the morning. Buildings will open each morning at 7:20 am for students who need to arrive earlier due to parents' work schedules.

Bus Transportation

Bus pick up and drop off times may change due to the one hour delay, but also may be different because buses may be traveling at slower speeds as well as driving different routes. Some routes have been adjusted due to road closures. We will release a list of roads that buses will not run on Friday, November 1st and notify families if there are major changes to their child's bus route. We expect this list to change as roads close and reopen due to construction and maintenance.

School Calendar

An updated school calendar for the 2024-25 school year can be found [here](#), as well as on our social media pages and websites. The Mayland Early College High School instructional calendar can be found [here](#). Our Board of Education approved this calendar which includes all scheduled holidays. We have extended the school year by one week. Please remember as winter weather approaches, school calendar revisions may be necessary throughout the year.

Water/Sewer Update

Fresh water will be provided for cooking. Breakfast and lunch will be served as normal. Bottled water will be available to students to drink.

Mitchell Elementary, Mitchell Middle, Mitchell High, and Greenlee Primary will have heated trailer restrooms within 200 ft or closer to the school. There will be supervision provided to and from the restroom trailer for students.

Mitchell Elementary, Mitchell Middle, and Mitchell High are projected to have sewer and water back to the buildings by November 12. Greenlee Primary sewer and water should be restored by December 2. The water and sewer systems at Gouge Primary and Mayland Early College High School are functioning as normal.

It has been our goal since September 27th, 2024 to get our students back to school as quickly and safely as possible. We appreciate the outpouring of support that has not only been received in our communities, but to Mitchell County Schools. Thank you to everyone who has worked tirelessly to make our school reopening happen. Your school principal will share more information with you about reopening. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school principal. We look forward to seeing ALL of our Mitchell County Schools students and staff on Thursday, November 7th.