



# Central Arkansas Christian S C H O O L S

## **Inclement Weather Policy 2017-2018**

1. CAC recognizes that school closure, early dismissal, and delayed school openings due to inclement weather can be a hardship for our families. Consequently, the President will make closure decisions based on all available information (i.e. observation of current conditions, National Weather Service models and advisories, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department weather-related road condition reports, and CAC staff reports regarding critical transportation routes, such as the I-430 River Bridge).
2. In all instances, the safety of our students and staff is paramount. Should forecasts be inconclusive, CAC will always make the decision to close school and cancel extracurricular activities in order to minimize the risk of student and staff travel on potentially hazardous roads.
3. CAC will utilize the school emergency alert system (phone, email and text alerts), as well as school website and social media outlets to communicate all information concerning weather-related closings. Local television stations will also be notified. Current closure and event information will be maintained on the CAC website.
4. It is the responsibility of parents and/or guardians to provide CAC with current home, work and mobile phone numbers, as well as home and work email addresses for the emergency alert system. Preferences for parent contact information can be managed through ParentsWeb. For assistance in managing contact preferences, email Karen Sullivan at [ksullivan@cacmustangs.org](mailto:ksullivan@cacmustangs.org).
5. Decisions related to early dismissal will be communicated to families through our emergency alert system, as well as CAC website and social media outlets. Families are expected to have plans in place to pick up their child as soon as possible and no later than one hour after receiving official closure notification. Families are encouraged to have primary and secondary plans. Staff will remain on site until all students are picked up.
6. CAC will attempt to make decisions regarding closures and delayed school openings by 6 a.m.
7. Road conditions vary from location to location. Students and staff are expected to exercise good judgment regarding the safety of travel when road conditions are affected by weather in the event that school is open.

### **Inclement Weather Make-up Days**

The Arkansas Nonpublic School Accrediting Association establishes policy related to make-up days for its members. ANSAA has approved extending the length of the regular school day over remaining school days as an option to make up inclement weather closures. Since CAC's current school day exceeds ANSAA requirements, the school currently exceeds the total number of instructional hours required by ANSAA under this option.

Unless our area experiences a significant number of inclement weather events, CAC will not have to take additional measures. School schedules may be modified within our regular school hours to ensure that core class objectives are met.