



November 5, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Winter will soon arrive, and sometimes it brings inclement weather. Below you will find information about how the district deals with inclement weather and other emergency situations that may require the cancellation or delay of school.

AMI Days: Cedar Ridge Schools has been approved by the Arkansas Department of Education to utilize up to five (5) Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Days during the 2018-19 school year. If inclement weather or another type of emergency circumstance occurs, causing school to be cancelled, Cedar Ridge students may be given the opportunity to work from home on AMI Day assignments rather than making up a day later in the school year.

District personnel will create AMI day assignments for students. There may be digital and paper components to these assignments, and they will be labeled by specific AMI day so students know which work to complete on which day. We will send home the first three AMI day packets of assignments with elementary students in the month of November. High school students will complete their assignments through Google Classroom using their school-furnished devices. If students do not have digital access, they will make this work up when they return to school.

AMI Day Example Scenario: If an AMI day is needed due to snow on a Tuesday in February, the District will notify parents that school will not be in session but that an AMI day will be used and that students should complete their assigned work labeled "Day 1." If the snow also prevents students from attending school on Wednesday, the District will notify parents that students should complete the work labeled "Day 2" on Wednesday.

Student attendance on the AMI Day will be determined by his/her completion of the assigned day's work. In most cases, teachers will be available by email (or their preferred method of communication like Remind101 or Class Dojo) throughout the AMI day to answer student or parent questions.

District administration will ultimately decide if a cancelled school day will work as an AMI day. For instance, if a widespread illness is the reason for cancellation, district administration will decide if students would benefit from an AMI day or if a traditional make-up day should be used. Our agreement with the Department of Education says that we will never have more than 3 consecutive AMI days or more than 3 AMI days in one week. Please contact your child's principal if you have questions about the AMI process.

Procedures: All announcements (AMI days, cancellations, delays) will first be made through our district's call and text notification system -- E-Notes. Anyone can subscribe to E-Notes on the homepage of the district website. Next the media will be notified: KWOZ-103.3, KZLE-93.1, KFIN-107.9, KIYS-101.9, KAIT Channel 8, KARK Channel 4, KATV Channel 7, and KTHV Channel 11. We will also share the information on our district Facebook page and on our website - cedarwolves.org.

When possible, a decision will be made about cancelling or delaying school the night before (ideally before 10:00 p.m.); however, if conditions deteriorate overnight, the decision may not be made until approximately 5:45 a.m.

In some cases, we may delay the start of school until as late as 10:00 a.m. By starting school late, the day may still be counted as a school day and would not need to be made up.

If inclement weather begins during a school day, and school will be dismissed early, the same notifications will be used.

During extended periods of inclement weather, it may be necessary to run snow routes for our buses. The snow routes are listed below.

Thank you, as always, for your support of the District's commitment to making today's students tomorrow's leaders.

Sincerely,



Andy Ashley
Superintendent
Cedar Ridge Schools

**School Bus Snow Routes
2018-19 School Year**

BUS #	DRIVER	STUDENTS WILL BE PICKED UP ON THESE ROADS IN THIS ORDER
1	Todd Lovell	Hwy 122 Only
4	Michael Sutton	Pick students up at Thida Post Office/Oil Trough
24	Ward/Craig	Pick students up at Thida Store/Oil Trough
35	Melinda Talley	Macedonia Road, Hwy 233
38	Bill Lindsey	Hwy 25 & Meet at Cord Store
42	Thetford's	Hwy 25 to Walnut Grove Road, WPA Road to Hwy 122, Shamrock Paved Only
44	Maxine Moyer	Hwy 25, Pfeiffer Rd, Cason Lane, Hix Lane, Huddleston Lane, Crown Colony Loop
28	Carl Fitzhugh	Highway 69, Gap Road
39	David Ward	North Charlotte Road to Antioch Road to Cedar Grove Road to Old Camp Road back to school – Pavement Only
33	Mr. Mott	Hwy 122 to Hwy 14, meet @ Trucking Co. parking lot
14	Michael Talley	Newark-Any road that is passable
36	Batesville Route Matt Baxter	Batesville to Newark Hwy 69, Sulphur Rock meet @ Wildcat Station
32	Tim Cunningham	157 from Pleasant Plains to bottom of big hill, Maple Springs Church

***BUS DRIVER DISCRETION ON ROADS DURING INCLEMENT
WEATHER CAN BE USED.**