

Dear Homeschool Connections families,

We have updated our Bad Weather Policy to try and limit the number of "snow" days we have, thereby limiting the number of days we have to make up. Starting today, January 29 the following policy is in place:

If the school district your campus is located in is closed due to bad weather and/or bad road conditions, we will also be closed. We will be listed on the school closing and news websites, you will receive an email, there will be an announcement posted on the Start Page of Orbund, and the closing(s) will be posted on Facebook, and Instagram.

If the school district your campus is in is closed due only to cold weather, we may not be closed. Schools close due to cold weather to keep children safe while waiting for the bus or walking to school. We still want to keep our families safe while traveling to and from campus so we will close if the actual air temperature during campus hours will be sustained at 12 degrees below zero or if the wind chill will be sustained at 30 below zero. If the school district is closed and the temperature is above our cold weather threshold, we will notify you via email, Orbund announcement, Facebook and Instagram by 6:30 am of the day in question.

As always, your safety is our priority. If you feel that it is not safe for you to travel to campus on a day that we are open, please stay home and look for assignments and homework on Orbund, including Fast Five Feedback assessments.

In addition, at times, we may have building issues that cause us to have to cancel. We will always notify you of those via our regular correspondence, as listed above. It is always a good idea to check your email before you leave for campus just to be sure.

As a reminder: We do not make up the first closure of each semester. If we have a second or third closure, they will be made up the weeks of May 13th and 20th. We will not be able to make up days beyond 3 canceled days.

Here is a handy chart for your convenience:

If	Then
Classes are canceled at a campus...	I will see my campus name in school closing listings, news websites (like WDIV/Click on Detroit...you can download the app), an email (make sure it's not in the junk folder), listed on the Orbund Start Page News & Announcements, Facebook, and Instagram. I also need to watch for emails or for messages in Orbund from teachers in case there is any class work that my student needs to do.
Bad roads/weather cause(s) the public schools to close in my campus' school district...	My campus will be closed and communicated through all appropriate outlets (email, news, Orbund, FB, Instagram).
Cold temperatures are the cause of the public schools to close in my campus' school district (usually a school district's web page explains why they close)...	I need to look at the temperatures and/or watch for communication about my campus being closed (a sustained 12 degrees <u>below zero</u> or lower OR wind chill/“feels like” of 30 <u>below zero</u> or lower will be the temperature threshold that would cancel my campus).
There are building issues at the campus and classes need to be canceled...	I should look at my emails each morning before I leave for classes--just in case a campus has to close for a non-weather related issue.
Classes get canceled during the class day...	Someone will alert me via phone, so I need to make sure an accurate, working phone number is entered into Orbund (please double check your phone number today!).
My campus is closed only once in a semester...	My student(s) will <u>not</u> have to make it up later, but will need to check Orbund for assignments the day of canceled classes. My student will complete the Fast Five Feedback even though there is no class.
My campus is closed twice in the Winter semester...	My student(s) will make up the 2 nd missed day during the week of May 13.
My campus is closed three times in the Winter semester...	My student(s) will make up the 2 nd missed day during the week of May 13 <u>and</u> make up the 3 rd missed day during the week of May 20.