



CECCR 2022 - 2023 Inclement Weather Protocol

Hello, CECCR Families- We know that the weather in Colorado can be unpredictable and change at a moment's notice. In preparation for inclement weather CEC Castle Rock has established the following Weather Protocol:

What are the possibilities during a weather situation?

In-School Activities: If weather conditions during the school day turn dangerous, in-school classes and activities may be cancelled. This decision will be made by the CECCR Leadership Team as soon as we feel conditions are placing the safety of our community at risk. CECCR will send out communication to all families asking to immediately pick up their student. Staff will remain until all students are picked up; however, we ask parents/guardians to please pick up students as soon as they are able if notified of in-school cancellations.

After-School Activities: If weather conditions during the school day turn dangerous, after-school activities may be cancelled. Since the weather in CO can change drastically and quickly, a decision will be made as early as possible and communicated to all families if after school activities are cancelled. All students are expected to go home after school if after-school activities are cancelled. Staff will remain until all students are picked up; however, we ask parents/guardians to please pick up students as soon as they are able if notified of after-school cancellations.

2-hour delay schedule: A late start decision will be made as early as possible and direct notification will be sent out by 5:30a.m. Buses are delayed two hours, and students are not expected to arrive at school until two hours after the regular start time. There will be limited staff at schools to supervise any early-arriving students.

Snow day: The determination to cancel school for an entire day will happen as early as possible. Families and staff will be directly notified by 5:30 a.m.

Remote Learning Day: Remote learning days would only be considered, or utilized, if a weather incident is extreme and closure is expected if *multiple days in a row, if mandated to quarantine or isolate due to COVID, or if weather that day is too dangerous*. If a sudden, or immediate, transition to remote learning days is required, we must have sufficient lead time to communicate with students, staff, and families to prepare for a multi-day closure.

CECCR will follow DCSD for snow days and late starts; HOWEVER, if we run out of snow days allotted, CECCR may have to call a remote learning day when DCSD calls a snow day. This will be communicated clearly per the instructions below.

How We Will Message:

School closures are announced through a variety of channels, first posting on our [website](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) pages as well as direct messaging sent to CEC Castle Rock families via email, text, and phone using Infinite Campus. Depending on your personal settings in Infinite Campus, you may receive any or all of the following: an email, text message, and/or phone message. Students will also be alerted on the CECCR School Communications Team on Microsoft Teams.

What families can do to prepare for winter weather:

- Please review these [winter driving tips](#) from CDOT about winter driving safety.
- Students and staff should be ready for weather issues by bringing their belongings, materials, or technology home on days when the forecast indicates a snowstorm is approaching. This can avoid the possibility of any personal items being locked in the school building during a closure.

Our priority is the physical safety of all students and employees. Remember that you have the ultimate responsibility for the safety and well-being of yourself and your students. Families can always decide not to send their students to school on a snowy day if they feel it is unsafe and **remember to notify your school** for the absence to be excused.