



# SCHOOL CLOSINGS

## *Cancellations and Delays*

### **School Closing, Delay, & Early Release Procedures**

The decision to close, delay, or release school early is rarely an easy one and one we do not take lightly. When making our decision we consult with a number of knowledgeable resources including county and state highway officials, law enforcement personnel, other area school corporations, and experienced school bus drivers. Our goal is to make an informed decision while keeping our students safe.

#### **SCHOOL CLOSING**

Schools will be closed all day. All afterschool and evening activities are canceled unless otherwise announced. This includes all practices, contests, games, matches, meets, events, facility rentals, etc.

#### **TWO HOUR DELAY**

Two hour delays are often used to allow FCCSC staff and contractors to clear parking lots and sidewalks; ensure all buses are running; and to make sure facilities are heating properly. A delay also provides time for county and state highway crews to clear and/or treat roads.

When FCCSC operates on a two-hour delay, bus pick-up times will be delayed by two (2) hours. Franklin County High School and Franklin County Middle School will begin at 10:10 a.m. Brookville Elementary School, Laurel School, and Mt. Carmel School will begin at 10:45 a.m. There will be NO morning preschool or morning latchkey on two-hour delay days.

#### **EARLY RELEASE**

In the case of impending weather or other "emergency" situations, schools may be released one (1), two (2), or three (3) hours early. Brookville Elementary, Laurel School, and Mt. Carmel School students will be transported home, then Franklin County High School and Franklin County Middle School students will be transported home.

In the event that schools are released early, all afterschool and evening activities are canceled unless otherwise announced. This includes all practices, contests, games, matches, meets, events, facility rentals, etc.

## Notification

The FCCSC provide multiple modes of notification to parents, guardians, and employees, regarding school closings, two hour delays, and early releases.

### SCHOOL MESSENGER

The Franklin County Community School Corporation uses School Messenger, a leading provider of notification services for parents, guardians, and employees. Messages may be sent via email, text, or voicemail. In order for School Messenger to work correctly, it is IMPERATIVE that parents, guardians, and employees provide up to date phone numbers and email addresses.

### NIXLE

Nixle is a secure communications service available to municipal, county, and state government agencies.

There is NO spam and no hidden cost; you receive messages as part of your cell phone text messaging plan.

Please register now at the company's main web site: [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). There you can also access their Frequently Asked Questions. If you change your email or cell phone, be sure and change your Nixle account. Neither the school nor the administration building can change your information for you.

You can receive technical and non-technical assistance directly from Nixle by sending email to [support@nixle.com](mailto:support@nixle.com)

### SCHOOL CORPORATION WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

School closing, delay, and early release information will be posted at [www.fccsc.k12.in.us](http://www.fccsc.k12.in.us).

### RADIO/TV ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that while we contact these media outlets, they may or may not broadcast the information immediately. School Messenger, NIXLE, and the Corporation Website will provide the fastest and most accurate information. Parents are NOT to call the schools or the Administration Building.

In the event of a change in our school schedule, the following media outlets are contacted:

KMIX 106.9 Connersville	WRBI 103.9 FM Batesville	WIFE 94.3 FM Rushville	WLW 700 AM Cincinnati	WRTV/TV CH 6 Indianapolis
WLWT/TV CH 5 Cincinnati	WCPO/TV CH 9 Cincinnati	WKRC/TV CH 12 Cincinnati	WXIX/TV CH 19 Cincinnati	WSTR/TV CH 64 Cincinnati

## **Attendance**

If school is open students are expected to be in attendance. In some extreme conditions, school officials may determine that a specific road, roads, or route cannot run due to hazardous road conditions. In this event, affected students will be counted as an Exempted Absence.