

VALPARAISO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

**School Delay/Cancellation**

If it is necessary to cancel or delay school because of weather or other safety related concerns, the Valparaiso Community Schools will make every effort to notify the public and the media prior to 5:30 a.m. the day of or the day before if possible.

**School Delay Start Times**

When a two hour delay is announced, school starting times will be as follows:

***Valparaiso High School: 9:35 a.m.***

***Middle Schools: 9:55 a.m.***

***Elementary Schools: 10:45 a.m.***

Note: If school is delayed on a Wednesday (Late Start Wednesday) the times above apply as well.

If school is delayed for two hours, school bus routes will also be delayed two hours (i.e., if your bus pick-up time is normally 6:55 a.m., the adjusted bus pick-up time would be 8:55 a.m.).

In the event of a two hour delay, class schedules may change. Please consult with your child's school for a two hour delay class schedule.

In the event of a two hour delay, classes and bus routes for Immanuel Lutheran School and St. Paul Catholic School will also be delayed for two hours. If a two hour delay is declared and weather or safety related conditions do not improve, a school cancellation notice will be announced.

**Emergency Dismissal**

If it becomes necessary to cancel school during regular hours because of weather or safety related reasons, every effort will be made to make the decision for dismissal by 12:00 noon CST.

If an emergency dismissal is declared once students have arrived, the schools will be dismissed in the following order;

***1. High School***

***2. Middle Schools***

***3. Elementary Schools***

All elementary students will ride the bus that he/she has listed in their emergency dismissal plan. Also note that child care providers, the Boys and Girls Club, and the YMCA, may also close in the event of an emergency. Students who participate in these programs will ride the bus home unless otherwise determined.

**Extracurricular Activities**

When schools are closed, all extracurricular activities will be cancelled.

**Media Notification**

Notification will be delivered through the media listed below in the event that school is delayed for two hours, cancelled for the day, or dismissed before the regularly scheduled dismissal time:

*VCS SchoolMessenger (Emergency Notification System)*

*Call (219)531-3001 to listen to the latest message.*

*WAKE Radio (1500 AM)*

*WLJE Radio (105.5 FM)*

*Valparaiso Community Schools website <http://www.valpo.k12.in.us>*

*Cancellations.com <http://www.cancellations.com>*

*Emergency Closing Center <http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com>*