Inclement Weather

It is the policy of the Douglas County School District (DCSD) to take a proactive approach to events which may affect the safety of students or staff and the proper functioning of schools (File ADD and ADE). The safety of students and staff will be the guiding principle in decisions regarding school closures and delays. - See more at: https://www.dcsdk12.org/base/inclement-weather-policies-and-information#sthash.IJgYpaRs.dpuf.

For the most accurate and up-to-date school closure or delayed start schedule information, please call the Douglas County School District's Weather Hotline- 303-387-SNOW (7669) or check the district's school closure information. - See more at: https://www.dcsdk12.org/base/inclement-weather-policies-and-information#sthash.IJgYpaRs.dpuf

District and/or School Closure
If the Douglas County School District is closed, all schools and programs (including B.A.S.E. Child Care) in the District are closed. Closures will be listed on the local TV channels, and an email will be sent to all families.

Delayed Start Information
On a delayed schedule, our school starts 90 minutes later than the normal start time.
- BASE: Before school care opens at 8:15 a.m. Please do not drop off your child earlier than 8:15 a.m. for before care, as no one will be at BFA to supervise your child
- Carpool: Carpool on a delayed start day begins at 9:15 a.m.
- School: School starts at 9:45 a.m.
- Half-Day Kindergarten: Morning kindergarten starts at 9:45 a.m. and ends at the normal time. Afternoon kindergarten times do not change - normal start/end times apply.
- Preschool**:** BFA preschool will open at 9:40 a.m. and dismiss at the normal time. Afternoon times do not change - normal start/end times apply.
- Buses: The buses will be at the bus stops 90 minutes later than their usual pick up times to bring students to school. Afternoon times will remain the same.

*****You always have the option of keeping your child home if you feel that the roads are unsafe - even if BFA is open. This will be listed as an excused absence.*

Severe Weather Dismissal

When the weather conditions prohibit a normal release of students during carpool, we will display a bright orange flag (trust me – you will not miss it) on our flagpole. When you see this flag, it means that we will be initiating a severe weather dismissal for carpool and will not allow students outside until the weather conditions are safe.

When you see this flag, your options are:
1. Enter carpool, stay, and move with the carpool line until your child(ren) are released directly to you at the front of the school.
2. Wait it out wherever you are until the weather passes and walkers are released.
3. Park your car in the parking lot if that is feasible and physically come into the school to sign your child(ren) out. Please do not leave your car while in the carpool line.

Please understand that while this procedure will take longer than a regular dismissal, it will ensure the overall safety of our students. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding in the event of a severe weather dismissal.
- A decision to do a "Severe Weather Dismissal" won't be made until 3:25pm. This gives us as much time as possible to see if the severe weather passes.
- Severe weather includes: lightning in the area; heavy rain or snow; tornado-like conditions in the area.
- Please do not make a call to your child's cell phone asking him/her to exit the building. Your
physical presence or that of another approved adult friend/family member, in the building or in carpool is required to release your child.

We will also email all parents an announcement that announces that a severe weather dismissal is in effect. We will try to do this between 3:25pm and 3:30pm.
- Please make sure that your homeroom teacher has your current email address.
- Please talk to your child about a contingency plan that will come into play if and when a severe weather dismissal occurs.
- Please know that your child will always be safe by waiting at school until you arrive.