



INCLEMENT WEATHER PROTOCOL (S37.14)

Inclement weather, by its very nature, is highly unpredictable. Making decisions about the welfare of students and staff is a significant responsibility— one that is always made with safety as the highest priority. The following protocol and guidelines are used by the administration and staff when making decisions regarding weather-related early dismissal or school cancellation and/or delays.

If the Morrow County School district is closed or operating with reduced hours, we will follow their lead.

Guidelines for Monitoring Weather Conditions

- The Program Director will monitor weather and road conditions to assess whether it is safe to hold school.
- School staff will reach out to Morrow County School District, Umatilla Morrow County Head Start and with local and state emergency management officials as appropriate.
- Licensing requirements may dictate a closure due to unpredictable difficulties such as power outages.

Guidelines for School Closure/Early Dismissal.

School Closure or Delay for Students Before the School Day Begins

- When conditions warrant, the Program Director will determine that the daycare/school be closed for the day or require a delay in the starting time.
- Information on the decision will be posted in Class Dojo.
- It is our goal to decide the need for a school closure or delay by no later than 8:00 pm the night before the cancellation or delay if the conditions warrant. If not, then the decision will be made by 5:00 a.m. so parents can be properly notified.

Early Dismissal for Students

- When conditions warrant, the Program Director will review the need for an early dismissal.
- Information on the decision will be forwarded via multiple outlets— Class Dojo notification and personal text messaging to notify parents.

