

2008-2009
EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS
FOR
MURRAY COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS
(MCC Elementary and MCC High School)
(Chandler Christian School)

The administrators of Murray County Central School District want to call to the attention of all parents and community members the emergency school closing procedures.

School closing announcements will use the term “Murray County Central Schools” and will apply to Murray County Central High School, Murray County Central Elementary School and Chandler Christian School. Announcements of emergency school closings, late starts, and postponements or cancellations of school events, as the result of severe weather conditions or mechanical failure in one of the school facilities, will be announced on the following media outlets:

WCCO - Twin Cities - 830 AM, [wcco.com/school closings](http://wcco.com/school_closings), or 830wcco.com

KLOH/KISD/KJOE - Pipestone - 1050 AM or - 98.7 FM or Slayton - 106.1 FM

KWOA/KO-95 - Worthington 730 AM or - 95.1 FM

KITN - Worthington 93.5 FM

KMHL/KKCK/KARL/KARZ-KNSG - Marshall - 1400 AM, 99.7 FM, 105.1 FM or
107.5 FM also marshallradio.net

KQAD/K101 - Luverne - 800 AM or - 101.1 FM

KDOM - Windom - 1580 AM or - 94 FM

Also on MCC Website - www.mcc.mntm.org

KELO TV - Channel 11 or keloland.com

KSFY TV - Channel 13

KSTP TV – Channel 5

KDLT TV – Channel 46 or 47

In some cases it is necessary to change the schedule for school activities late in the day. If these changes occur, please stay tuned to KJOE 106.1 FM for the latest developments and announcements. **Do not call** school officials since this ties up all lines of communication. The radio stations have also requested that students be asked not to call the station to determine whether a school closing has been announced. Please check the main page of our website <http://www.mcc.mntm.org>, for up to date weather related information.

If severe weather conditions develop overnight or are imminent early in the morning, the

need not prepare to meet their bus. Please be aware that some radio stations do not make the announcement until the pre-recorded programming is completed, other stations make the announcement immediately upon receiving the information. If weather conditions gradually worsen during the school day, the announcement to close school will be made approximately one hour before students are dismissed and transported. We urge parents' cooperation to ensure that someone is home when their youngsters arrive home. For parents who have teenagers who drive to school, we would encourage parents to ask these young people to leave school and proceed directly home, rather than risk more hazardous driving conditions by lingering around town.

If a severe blizzard sets in during the day and you are concerned for your children, you may come and get them from the principal's office. If conditions are too hazardous for bus operation, students will remain in school until weather conditions improve. Every parent of elementary children who ride the bus should have on file, for each child, an emergency information card indicating where they should go in case of a storm or disaster that might necessitate their staying in town. Be sure the emergency information section is completed for all students before the form is returned to school. If you have not filled out a form, please pick one up from the school. We want to remind parents that the possibility exists that students may be stranded in a school bus for a period of time and youngsters should be dressed properly for severe winter weather to insure that they do not suffer from exposure.

In the event it is announced that school will begin late, the "late start" will ALWAYS be a two-hour "late start".

When school is closed because of severe weather; all school events and activities, including Early Childhood and Family Education, and all practice for these events will also be postponed. The one exception to this is varsity athletic practice, which may be held. Rural varsity athletes are reminded, however, that they must have a "snow home" if they remain for practice under these conditions.