

2 Hour Delayed Start Procedures

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you about a change in procedures affecting the start of school during inclement weather situations. Over the last several years we have had several days in which school was cancelled because conditions at bus travel time were not considered safe for students to be out in that weather. This usually involved dense fog, wind chill temperatures that at 7 am were considered too cold for buses to run, or the possibility of light freezing rain during times when busses and students would be driving. On several of these days if school were to have started two hours later, the conditions improved considerably to the point where we could have had school. Fog would have lifted, the sun would have had more of an opportunity to improve air temperatures, and any light glaze on the roads would have melted. The county and highway departments would also have had more time to work on the roads before we started picking up students on a delayed start. **If conditions are not expected to improve or forecasted to get worse, then school will be cancelled for the entire day.**

By implementing a delayed start policy, we are able to still have school. This allows us to avoid adding days on to the end of the calendar in May or June when students have summer on their mind.

Under a late start scenario, parents would receive notifications the same as they do now – through School Messenger, TV, and radio. All efforts will be made to announce a delayed start the night before prior to 10pm.

Once the decision is made for late start, all schools would start classes exactly two hours later than normal. All school buildings would open at 10:00.

Pittsfield High School would start classes at 10:25

South School and Pikeland Community School would start classes at 10:27

Morning Pre-K would be **cancelled** on the day of a delayed start. Afternoon Pre-K would continue at its normal time.

All bus routes would travel two hours later when a delayed start is declared. Parents should plan on their children being picked up two hours later than their normal pickup time on bus routes. (Example—if the school bus normally picks up your child at 7:25, they would be picked up at 9:25 on a delayed start day.)

Cereal, milk, and juice would be available to purchase and for free/reduced students wanting breakfast when they arrive at 10:00. Lunch would be served at its normal times.

Buildings would open two hours later than normal, thus no early drop-off of students could occur. Parents may drop off their children at their school after 10:00 on a delayed start day.

School would dismiss at its usual time at the end of the day.

We hope that making you aware of these new procedures now you will have an opportunity to plan how you will prepare in the event of a delayed start. We will make all efforts to announce a delayed start the evening before it happens.

With Saukee Pride,

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