

# Mancos School District

## ● Two-Hour Delayed Start

The Mancos School District has joined other area school districts in adding a two-hour delayed start as an option on days when weather conditions make for a dangerous morning commute. The decision to delay the start of school because of weather conditions is based on one factor: the safety of all students and staff.

The process leading up to the decision actually begins the night before. Transportation, Operations, and other personnel are checking roads in the district and consulting with various weather services as early as 4 a.m. Also, information from the following agencies is gathered prior to making a decision:

- Colorado Department of Transportation
- Local and state law enforcement agencies
- Transportation officials across the district area

Unsafe road conditions due to snow and ice are certainly factors in making a determination, but they are not the only ones. Temperature is also taken into consideration. Extreme temperatures are unsafe for everyone, especially children who must wait at bus stops or walk to school.

## ● Delayed Start Adjustments

On days where a delayed start is called, the formula is simple — add two hours to all bus and school start schedules, and dismissal times will remain the same. (Example, normal start at 7:50am two hour delayed start moves the start to 9:50 am.)

### **Programs**

- o Students arrive at the bus stop two hours later than your normal scheduled time
- o Walkers and private transportation arrive two hours later than the normal scheduled time
- o Breakfast programs will not be provided, however, lunch will be provided
- o Extracurricular field trips scheduled for the day will be cancelled
- o After-school athletic programs will maintain normal schedules unless otherwise notified

### **How will I be notified of a delayed start?**

- o The decision to close schools or to open with a delayed start will be communicated as early as possible, but no later than 6 a.m.
- o If the decision is made for a two-hour delayed start, but worsening weather requires the closure of schools, an announcement will be made.

- o As in the past, parents and employees will receive a phone call in the early morning and information will also be shared with local TV stations and posted on the Mancos Schools website and social media pages.

### **Update Your Contact Information**

- o It is important for schools to have accurate contact information for all families and employees. If your phone number or email address changes, please share that information with your school's main office as soon as possible.