

October 7, 2008

Re: Snow Closure Procedures



Dear Families,

As we look ahead and plan for another severe weather season, we want to remind you about Douglas County School District's procedures surrounding severe weather delays and school closures. The District website and telephone hotline will once again be your best resource in the event of delay and closure (www.dcsdk12.org; or, 303.387.SNOW (7669)).

The safety of each of our students is our priority as we make decisions regarding delays and closures. **As a parent, you have the right to make individual decisions for your child. If you choose to keep your child out of school due to severe weather, his or her absence from school will be excused.**

We will report schedule changes by **High School Feeder Areas** on local media outlets. Only **exceptions** to normal will be announced. If a **High School Feeder Area** is closed, buses **will not operate into or out of** that area. Watch for area closings under the following headlines:

- DougCo School District – All Schools
- DougCo Castle View Feeder Area
- DougCo Chaparral Feeder Area
- DougCo Douglas County HS (or DCHS) Feeder Area
- DougCo Highlands Ranch HS (or HRHS) Feeder Area
- DougCo Legend HS Feeder Area
- DougCo Mountain Vista Feeder Area
- DougCo Ponderosa Feeder Area
- DougCo Rock Canyon Feeder Area
- DougCo ThunderRidge Feeder Area

On a delayed schedule, elementary, middle and high schools start **ONE HOUR** later than the normal school start time. School buses will run **ONE HOUR** later than the normal route time. When afternoon activities are cancelled, **ALL** activities in the feeder area are cancelled including meetings, conferences, sporting events, practices/rehearsals, performances, contracted community usage, etc. Decisions about afternoon activities will be made by 1:30 in the afternoon. The District will use the following methods to notify parents about weather-related school schedule changes.

All information will be updated by 5 a.m. via:

- Local television and radio broadcasts
- District website: www.dcsdk12.org
- District Weather Hotline: **303.387.SNOW (7669)**

If you have questions or concerns, contact District Security at 303.387.0377 or District Communications at 303.387.0033. Feeder Areas and their schools are listed on the next page.



If your **Feeder Area** is not mentioned, please plan for your school to operate on a regular schedule. Again, only **exceptions to normal** will be announced. A listing of schools in each Feeder Area can be found below.

Castle View High School Feeder Area

Castle View High School	Castle Rock Middle School	Clear Sky Elementary
Larkspur Elementary	Meadow View Elementary	Sedalia Elementary
Soaring Hawk Elementary	Academy Charter School	Hope Online Academy

Chaparral High School Feeder Area

Chaparral High School	Sierra Middle School	Cherokee Trail Elementary
DC Student Support Center	Mammoth Heights Elementary	Bridges Center – East, Parker
Pine Grove Elementary	Pine Lane Intermediate	Pine Lane Primary
Prairie Crossing Elementary	North Star Academy	Challenge to Excellence
Core Knowledge		

Douglas County High School Feeder Area

Douglas County High School	Mesa Middle School	Castle Rock Elementary
Cantril Preschool, Castle Rock	Cherry Valley Elementary	Flagstone Elementary
Renaissance Expeditionary Magnet	Rock Ridge Elementary	South Street Elementary

Highlands Ranch High School Feeder Area

Highlands Ranch High School	Cresthill Middle School	Acres Green Elementary
Arrowwood Elementary	Cougar Run Elementary	Eagle Ridge Elementary
Fox Creek Elementary	Lone Tree Elementary Magnet	Early Childhood Center
Bridges Center – North, Lone Tree	American Academy	Eagle Academy

Legend High School

Legend High School	Cimarron Middle School	Frontier Valley Elementary
Gold Rush Elementary	Iron Horse Elementary	Pioneer Elementary

Mountain Vista High School Feeder Area

Mountain Vista High School	Mountain Ridge Middle School	Bear Canyon Elementary
Copper Mesa Elementary	Heritage Elementary	Northridge Elementary
Sand Creek Elementary	Summit View Elementary	Platte River Academy

Ponderosa High School Feeder Area

Ponderosa High School	Sagewood Middle School	Franktown Elementary
Legacy Point Elementary	Northeast Elementary	Daniel C Oakes High School
Mountain View Elementary		

Rock Canyon High School Feeder Area

Rock Canyon High School	Rocky Heights Middle School	Buffalo Ridge Elementary
Redstone Elementary	Timber Trail Elementary	Wildcat Mountain Elementary
DCS Montessori		

ThunderRidge High School Feeder Area

ThunderRidge High School	Ranch View Middle School	Coyote Creek Elementary
Eldorado Elementary	Roxborough Intermediate	Roxborough Primary
Saddle Ranch Elementary	Stone Mountain Elementary	Trailblazer Elementary
Plum Creek Academy		