



## **Weather-Related Closing Procedures**

This document is intended to give guidance for the procedures around weather-related school closings, delayed openings, or early releases for Buckeye Preparatory Academy's (school) families.

### **General Information**

Information on school closings, delayed openings, or early release is available via:

- Automated phone calls or/and emails to all parents/guardians and staff who are in school database.
- Local TV stations
  - NBC 4
  - TV 10
  - ABC 6
  - FOX 28

### **Severe-Weather Procedure Details**

The severe weather procedure aims to minimize the loss of instructional time while being mindful of student and employee safety. When severe weather is predicted, parents and staff will be able to check local television and radio stations for announcements about school closings, delayed openings, or early release. It is important that the school has correct contact information on file and entered in the Student Information System (PowerSchool) for all families.

### **School Closings, Delayed Openings, or Early Releases Rationale**

Decisions to close school is based on decisions made by the local traditional public school district (Columbus City Schools). If the local traditional public school district (Columbus City Schools) decides to close school then Buckeye Preparatory Academy will be closed too. Delay openings or release early releases are handled on a case-by-case basis.

There may be cases when the school will choose to close when the local traditional public school district (Columbus City Schools) does not, although that will be rare. The decision to close the school when the traditional public school district does not is at the discretion of the school's Superintendent.

### **School Closing, Delayed Opening, or Early Release Resources**

Some of the resources used in the decision-making process by the local, traditional school district (Columbus City Schools) for closing, delaying, or releasing early include:

- Accuweather forecast, National Weather Service forecast and local weather forecasts
- City or Local Highway Maintenance Department
- District Transportation Department
- Metro Bus Dispatchers

### **Delayed Openings and Early Releases**

- Yellow buses (which transport students) will pick up students at their bus stops at the delayed time as determined by the traditional public school district (Columbus City Schools).
- Students who are driven to school by parents should not arrive at school earlier than the time identified for when the school will open. Walkers should also arrive no earlier than the time identified for when the school will open.
- Yellow buses (which transport students) will drop off students at their bus stops at the early release time as determined by the traditional public school district (Columbus City Schools).