

School Closure/Winter Weather Closure

As we head into the inclement weather season, it may occasionally be necessary to cancel school sessions. If the local public schools are closed due to inclement weather, UMCHS part-day classes and bussing will be canceled.

If bad weather requires us to cancel classes, we will announce this on the radio as soon as possible. We try to make the decision by 5:30 a.m. so that we can contact the radio stations and, in turn, they can get the school closure information on the 6:00 a.m. news broadcast. Please carefully listen to your radios on days you suspect may be difficult due to weather.

If the school announces a delay in the start of school, then AM classes will be canceled, but PM classes will be in session.

If you do not hear school closure information on the radio assume that school is open and in session.

We contact the following radio stations, so please turn to the station below that is in your area to find out about school closures:

- KOHU AM station 1360--Hermiston-Umatilla-Irrigon-Boardman
- KUMA AM station 1290--Pendleton-Milton-Freewater
- KWHT FM station 103.5-Pendleton-Milton-Freewater
- KTIKX AM station 1240 –Pendleton
- KJDY AM Station 1400 - John Day

Our Transportation Manager is in charge of notifying radio stations about school closures, so that person will have the latest information about each community. The Transportation Manager or Operations Director will also send out an All Staff email notifying staff which communities are affected.

If the public school is closed due to heating facilities or anything related to their building and our school is not located in that building we will have school.

If UMCHS part day centers close in a community the following guidelines apply:

1. First Day of Closure: Bus Drivers do not report to work.
2. Second Consecutive Day of Closure: Cooks, Bus Drivers, and Teacher Assistants do not report to work.
3. Third Consecutive Day of Closure: Cooks, Bus Drivers, Teacher Assistants, and Teachers do not report to work.
4. All other staff who work in the affected community are expected to

report to work.

If you feel it is unsafe for you to drive into work because of road conditions and the location of your home, you may contact your supervisor and develop a plan on whether you will:

1. Wait until later in the day to report to work and use partial leave.
2. Take annual or floating leave and remain off work for the day.