

Two-Hour Delayed Start for Students

Should the need arise due to extreme conditions or other short-term emergencies, Excelsior Springs School District may implement a Two-Hour Delayed Start procedure for all schools. A decision about any delayed start will be made and announced by 6:00 a.m. All delayed starts will be two-hour delayed starts.

Excelsior Springs School District respects the right of parents to make a decision regarding the attendance or late arrival of their children.

- Students: Students are expected to arrive two hours later than their regular start time.
- Bus pick up times: Buses will pick up students at bus stops two hours later than regularly scheduled pick-up times. Buses will make every effort to be punctual, although traffic and road conditions may increase travel time.
- Before School and Morning Programs: All morning programs/practices/IEP meetings or other activities scheduled prior to 11:00 a.m. by the school itself or the school district are canceled. All athletic shuttles scheduled to depart prior to 11:00 a.m. are canceled.
- Drop off and arrival times: Parents dropping off students, students who walk and students driving to school should arrive 2 hours after their regular arrival times. However, staff should be alert and prepared to provide supervision, if students arrive early.
- Breakfast: Breakfast will be served on days with a two-hour delayed start.
- Before and after school childcare: Rockin' Tiger Club will operate at normal times on days with a two hour late start.
- Kindergarten and Preschool Programs: All morning (a.m.) and Afternoon (p.m.) preschool programs are canceled when there is a two-hour delayed start schedule. Full-day kindergarten will start 2 hours later than normal.
- School schedules: Each building will develop a schedule for their student reporting locations on 2 hour late start days.
- School dismissal times: School dismissal times will remain on regular schedules, including bus drop-off times in neighborhoods and parent pick-up times at schools.
- Afternoon and evening programs and activities: All afternoon and evening programs will operate as normally scheduled unless announced otherwise.

General Closure Announcement Procedure

When a decision to declare a closure has been made by the superintendent of schools, the district will use the following means in the following order to announce this information:

1. A recorded announcement will be sent via School Messenger.
3. Notification will be placed on District's Facebook and Twitter accounts.
4. Notification will be made to District App subscribers.
5. Notification will be made to local and KC-metro TV and radio stations.

Please note that while we notify and request that radio and television stations run our announcements, the decision to broadcast these announcements rests solely with the station managers. Television and radio stations are unlikely to give details on the type of or reason for closure. To be sure you have the best information please check our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ESSD40>.

Also keep in mind that if many districts across the area have simultaneous closures because of weather conditions, it may take some time for the station to announce our particular information. For the fastest, most accurate notification of a closure in Excelsior Springs, it is highly recommended that you download the ESSD 40 app, or check our Facebook page.