

Cannon County Schools

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Press Release- Cannon County Schools – Inclement Weather Information 2024-2025

WOODBURY—Bonnie Patterson, Director of Cannon County Schools, and Bus Transportation Supervisor Lisa Black would like to share the following information about weather-related closings.

The determination of School Closings or Delays is based on various factors.

- **Actual Road Conditions** – Winter weather often arrives overnight or early in the morning. When this occurs, Cannon County Schools Transportation Director, Mrs. Lisa Black, will contact the Cannon County E-911 Central Dispatch for road conditions. Cannon County E-911 information is based on Sheriff Deputies, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, and the Cannon County Road Department information. Bus drivers and Spotters in all parts of the county are also contacted for information. Additionally, the director and bus transportation supervisor check road conditions but will rely heavily on the above professionals for accurate information concerning all roadways in the county. When the call is made to close or delay schools, a Cannon County Schools Bright Arrow message will be sent to all who have signed up to receive alerts. (See additional information at the end of this press release concerning Bright Arrow messages), local Cannon County media are informed, and then the Nashville TV Stations.
- **Forecast for the Day.** – Cannon County School personnel use the National Weather Service Forecast for the day to determine if any weather is forecasted to move in and during the school day. The NWS - Nashville Office website is <https://www.weather.gov/ohx/>. Cannon County School bus drivers are NWS Storm Spotter trained. This helps during severe weather events, particularly in the spring. Remember, severe weather can occur at any time of the year. Cannon County School personnel constantly check the forecast for any weather that could change during school hours, and each school is equipped with a weather radio that receives severe weather alerts.
- **Surrounding Counties.** Cannon County Schools also rely on information concerning weather that is received from surrounding counties. The director is in touch with fellow Directors of Schools in surrounding counties regarding weather conditions that could spread into Cannon County.

Closings and Delays.

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When inclement weather is determined, Bright Arrow, local Cannon County media, Nashville TV stations, and social media will send the following information.

- **Cannon County Schools Closed** - All school activities are canceled. A Cannon County Schools Bright Arrow message will be issued to all who have signed up to receive alerts, and local Cannon County media and Nashville TV stations will be notified. Also, posts will be made to the district and schools' social media accounts. High School, Middle School, and Elementary Schools Sports game cancellations are determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on main road conditions. The Director cancels sporting events for Cannon County Schools in consultation with the CCHS Principal, CCHS Athletic Director, CCMS Principal, CCMS Athletic Director, and Elementary School Principals.
- **2 Hours Late** – Sometimes Cannon County Schools personnel need more time to determine whether to close or to see if road conditions will improve. When this occurs, school will be delayed by 2 hours. Here are a few examples of how this would affect the school day. If your school doors open regularly at 7 AM, they will open at 9 AM. If a bus usually picks up your child at 6:45 AM, the bus will pick up the student at 8:45 AM. If the school bell usually rings at 7:30 AM, it will ring at 9:30 AM. If a teacher has bus duty and typically reports at 6:55 AM, the teacher would report at 8:55 AM. You move everything up for 2 hours. Cannon County Schools could possibly close if weather conditions worsen. If this occurs, an additional Cannon County Schools Bright Arrow message will be sent to all who have signed up to receive the alerts, along with a notification to local Cannon County media, Nashville TV stations, and social media.
- **1-Hour Delay** - This is rarely used in our school system. If Cannon County Schools are going to be delayed, it will almost always be for 2 Hours Late.
- **Other Weather-Related Delays:** Sometimes weather events such as tornados and severe thunderstorm warnings could delay school dismissal or close early due to impending severe weather. This is handled on a case-by-case basis, and a Cannon County Schools Bright Arrow message to all who have signed up to receive the alerts will be sent along with a notification to local Cannon County media and Nashville TV stations along with social media.

The Cannon County School District hopes this information will help parents, guardians, grandparents, and community members understand how decisions and determinations are made regarding weather events. Cannon County Director of Schools, Mrs. Bonnie Patterson, commented, “Our number one priority is to keep our students and staff safe, and we pledge to always “err on the side of caution” when making weather-related decisions.”

How to sign up for Cannon County Schools Bright Arrow Alerts:

1. Go to <http://www.ccstn.net/>

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2. Go to News & Announcements
3. Click on Bright Arrow – Sign Up for School Closure Information
4. Click **To sign up** for school closure information notices, click here for Bright Arrow Self-Signup.
5. Fill in your information - Email Address and Enter a password
6. Fill in your First Name, Last Name, Login Password, Login Password verification, Cell Phone Company, Email, and Hit Apply, OK., or Test. You will then get a Complete Page, depending on what you selected.
7. Now, you will receive the first alerts the Director of Schools will send regarding school closures due to weather and other important Cannon County Schools information.
8. To Unsubscribe, log back in using your password and Unsubscribe!

If a person has already signed up for Cannon County Schools Bright Arrow Alerts and has NOT been receiving Cannon County Schools Bright Arrow Alerts, they may have been “opted out.” To reinstate Cannon County Schools Bright Arrow Alerts, “Text the word ‘Yes’ to 87569.” This will “opt” the person back “in” to the Cannon County Schools Bright Arrow Alerts. If the person continues NOT to receive the Cannon County Schools Bright Arrow Alerts, go back to Step 1 and create a new account.

For media inquiries, please contact Ms. Bonnie Patterson, Director of Cannon County Schools, at 629-201-4815 or at bonnie.patterson@ccstn.net for local Cannon County Schools information.