

# VALPARAISO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

### **School Cancellation**

If it is necessary to cancel school because of weather or other safety related concerns, the Valparaiso Community Schools will make every effort to notify the public and the media prior to 6:00 a.m.

### **School Delay**

If it is necessary to delay school for two hours because of weather or other safety related reasons, AM kindergarten classes will be cancelled.

When a two hour delay is announced, school starting times will be as follows:

Valparaiso High School: 9:35 a.m.

Middle Schools: 9:55 a.m.

Elementary Schools: 10:45 a.m.

If school is delayed for two hours, school bus routes will also be delayed two hours (i.e., if your bus pick-up time is normally 6:55 a.m., the adjusted bus pick-up time would be 8:55 a.m.).

In the event of a two hour delay, classes and bus routes for Immanuel Lutheran School and St. Paul Catholic School will also be delayed for two hours.

If a two hour delay is declared and weather or safety related conditions do not improve, a school cancellation notice will be announced.

### **Emergency Dismissal**

If it becomes necessary to cancel school during regular hours because of weather or safety related reasons, every effort will be made to announce the dismissal approximately two hours prior to dismissal.

If an emergency dismissal is declared once students have arrived at school, the high school will be dismissed first, the middle schools second, and the elementary schools last.

It is imperative that each family develop a plan for an emergency dismissal.

As you consider your emergency dismissal plan, please note that bus routes cannot be altered. Your child must ride the same bus that he/she regularly rides. Also note that child care providers, the Boys and Girls Club, and the YMCA, may also close in the event of an emergency.

When schools are closed, all extracurricular activities will be cancelled.

### **Media Notification**

Notification will be delivered through the media listed below in the event that school is delayed for two hours, cancelled for the day, or dismissed before the regularly scheduled dismissal time:

VCS Alert (Register for this service through the link on the VCS homepage.)

WAKE Radio (1500 AM)

WLJE Radio (105.5 FM)

Valparaiso Community Schools website ([www.valpo.k12.in.us](http://www.valpo.k12.in.us))

Cancellations.com (<http://www.cancellations.com>)