



Emergency School Closing Plan

It is that time of year when we must plan for possible school closings due to inclement weather. Please be assured that decisions are made very carefully in conjunction with the Franklin Lakes Office of the Superintendent, keeping in mind the safety of the students, parents and staff. Since the Superintendent's office is in touch with the local police, it is preferable for AMBS to follow their directives. So our general rule of thumb will be to follow what the Franklin Lakes School district decides regarding delayed openings, early dismissals and school closings (unless the problem is particular to our plant).

Specifically, AMBS will...

1. Delay opening 90 minutes if the FL Superintendent calls a delay...
 - Ø Drop off for classes @ AMBS will begin at 10:15 am for Transitions and K-8 with the regular Drive and Drop program in effect...please do not drive and drop prior to 10:15 am
 - Ø PreK 3 & 4 morning sessions will not have class on a delayed opening; full day and/or afternoon sessions will have class on a delayed opening; there will be no Lunch Bunch (except for full day students) on a delayed opening
 - Ø Buses will follow the 90 minute delay
 - Ø Morning Care will not operate on a delayed opening...please do not drop children off and leave them at the school building as we cannot be sure of supervisory personnel being present due to delays in travel
 - Ø If weather conditions do not improve and directives change to a "closed" for the day status, parents should instruct children on procedures to follow if they are to be at home alone; a follow up call will be made if conditions warrant a change from "delay" to "closed" status.
2. Close School if the Franklin Lakes Superintendent calls for no school.
3. Exercise the option of early dismissal sparingly...you will be called should the need arise for an early dismissal; if school remains open and you are more comfortable coming for an early pick-up, please know that you may decide to exercise that option at any time.
4. After Care will close early on days that it begins to storm prior to its usual closing time...4:30 pm pick up will be the last pick up on these days.

Reminder: We will not be using our reverse 911 system until further notice, however, our website www.mbs4u.ws will have the notice posted as soon as we have received a call from the FL Office of the Superintendent and the HAP phone chain will operate as usual for school closing emergencies; please keep the chain moving and please Do Not Call the Police Department, the school, convent or priests' residence. AMBS school announcements can also be heard on News 12 New Jersey on your cable channels or by consulting news12.com. The Franklin Lakes public school district will also have their school status posted on www.franklinlakes.k12.nj.us and will use the fire sirens (one blast) at 7 and 8 am (for those families who live in Franklin Lakes).

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