

Canon-McMillan Transportation Department

Weather and Delay Procedure

During the winter weather season the Transportation Department could be impacted by several variables. The main factor is weather conditions, but other factors do play a part in a delay or cancellation decision.

The following are the steps that the department uses to make a recommendation for a delay or cancellation:

1: Weather Conditions are monitored. Local Radar is monitored to determine the time and duration of snowfall. Temperature and wind chill are also considered. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and National Weather Service Wind Chill Chart is consulted to determine risk from exposure to cold weather.

2: Road Conditions are Monitored. Early morning checks of the roads are conducted. Typically starting at 3:30 AM, a sampling of all township, borough, and state roads are driven to check road conditions.

3: Road Crews are Monitored. Township, Borough and State Road crews status of snow removal and road treatment is monitored to determine what the road conditions will be like during student pickup hours. Canon-McMillan buses not only use roads in the jurisdiction of PennDOT, Canonsburg, Cecil Township, and North Strabane Township but also Chartiers Township, Houston Borough, and Peters Township.

4: Decision is Made: Based on data collected in the previous steps, a decision to delay or cancel school is made by the Superintendent. Students, Staff, Township and Borough crews, and Parochial schools are notified via the district's phone mass notification system. The notification is also broadcast on local television and radio stations, as well as posted on the district's website on the home page.