

March 8, 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Safety is our number one priority. With that in mind, it sometimes becomes necessary to close or delay school. The decision to close is never an easy one because the call must be made very early in the day and often our Northeast Ohio weather changes quickly. The factors that go into the decision to close include: temperature, recent snowfall and the level of accumulation, road conditions at the time, and the forecast for the day.

Traditionally, when the weather conditions are poor in the morning, Newbury Schools has closed for the full day. Often we see unsafe conditions in the early morning, but the weather conditions improve a few hours later, which then allows for safe travel. For this reason Newbury Local Schools may implement a delayed start when the forecast indicates the weather will improve. This provides an alternative strategy to maintaining continuity of instruction. A delayed start moves the start time of school forward.

Delayed start times are as follows for each school:

- Elementary – student arrival will begin approximately at 10:00 am, classes will begin at 10:15 am
- Jr./Sr. High School – student arrival will begin approximately at 9:25 am, classes will begin at 9:30 am

The following are some items to consider if Newbury Schools posts a delayed start:

- A delayed start will be communicated in the same fashion as a school closing: an out-bound call from the district, postings on local news outlets, social media and the school web site.
- In a delayed start, the conditions may not improve and closing will still be an option. The same procedure for communicating that will be used. Another out-bound call will be made and postings to the local news outlets, social media and the school web site.
- If we implement a delayed start, the daily schedule for student classes will be shortened to ensure equal access to all content areas. The ending time of the day will remain the same.

We take the decision to close school very seriously and understand a closure or a delay could be an inconvenience for families. We appreciate your support as we continue to manage these wintery days and please know that the safety of your children is our top concern.

Sincerely,

Michelle Kalish  
Superintendent