# SCHOOL CLOSINGS & SNOW SCHEDULES

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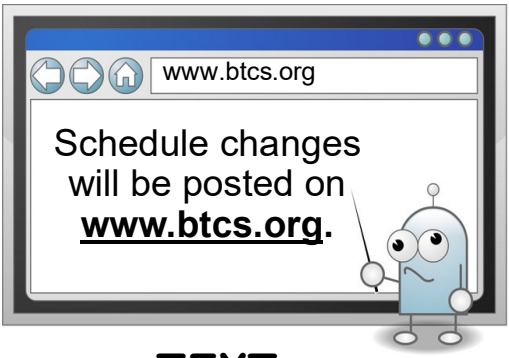
# Schedule Change Announcements

As soon as a decision is made about a schedule change, the information is made available in several ways. BTCS posts to our district's **website**, **social media**, and **Weather Line,** and we notify the local media. Text messaging services and TV/radio announcements are operated by local media outlets, and BTCS does not control the timing of their public notifications.

## *Stay informed …*

## GO ONLINE

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## TEXT

## BRTN to 62582

If you would like to receive a text alert when schools are closed or delayed, text BRTN to 62582. You only need to do this once. When a schedule change is made, you will receive a text with that information.

## CALL

## Weather Line

## 423.652.9554

## LISTEN/WATCH

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| WCYB-TV | WJCW-AM |
| WEMT-TV | WKIN-AM |
| WJHL-TV | WKOS-FM |
| WKPT-TV | WKPT-AM/FM |
| WCQR-FM | WQUT-FM |
| WGOC-AM | WXBQ-AM/FM |
| WIKQ-FM | WZAP-AM |

*Don't forget to stay informed even on days school is in session and inclement weather may make it necessary to dismiss early.*

# SNOW SCHEDULES

In some instances, the school district utilizes a two-hour delay schedule. Two-hour delays help maximize safety yet minimize the number of closures due to snow.

**Elementary Schools**
Begin 10:10 a.m.
End 3:10 p.m.

**Vance/Tennessee High**
Begin 9:30 a.m.
End 2:30 p.m.

## Student Safety

The safety of your child is ***always*** our number one priority! When inclement weather is occurring, schedule change decisions are taken very seriously. Every effort is made to make safe decisions, while recognizing the importance of time for learning.

## Timing of Announcements

It is our intent to announce schedule changes as soon as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. In some cases a two-hour delay is used to allow city crews time to clear roads. If conditions do not improve or worsen, an announcement to cancel school will be made by 7:30 a.m.

## Temperature-Based Schedule Changes

Parents should also check for schedule changes when extreme cold is forecast, particularly when temperatures dip to near or below zero with wind chill. For a delay to be worthwhile, the forecast will ideally call for a significant improvement in temperatures over the span of the delay. We attempt to announce temperature-based decisions the evening before.

## Make-Up Time

There are 7 days built into the calendar for inclement weather. If more than 7 days are missed, the calendar will be reviewed by the director of schools with a recommendation to the school board for action. Parents are encouraged not to make plans or schedule vacations until after June 1 should closings exceed 7 days.

## Attendance

Bristol Tennessee City Schools respects the rights of parents to keep their children home if they are concerned about hazardous weather. However, Tennessee attendance laws require that students who are not present be marked absent. Procedures for making up missed assignments are the same as for other absences.

## Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are available at school on two-hour delay days.

## Transportation

While every effort is made by school officials to inspect city streets, we realize road conditions may vary depending upon your location within the city. Therefore, bus drivers are directed to use their best judgment and drive only on streets that are clear. This may cause bus time schedules to vary slightly. To help prevent injury, please remind your children to take extra precautions when walking to meet the bus if snow and ice are present.

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