

LABBB Collaborative

Procedures for School Closing, Delayed Openings & Emergency Information

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Below is the communication plan for school closing and emergency information:

When the host district of a LABBB Collaborative Program is closed or school is delayed or there is an emergency early release, LABBB adheres to the host district decisions and those procedures. LABBB reserves the right to make a decision to close programs based on safety concerns of our students/staff.

ALL updates regarding closings, delayed openings and emergency information will be posted on the LABBB website.

SNOW CANCELLATIONS:

- If the town in which a student lives cancels school but their program is open – We will NOT provide transportation to or from that town. However, parents can transport their child to school.
- If the town in which your child's program is located cancels school – We will not transport to that location. (LABBB would be closed)

DELAYED OPENINGS / EARLY RELEASES:

Delays can be confusing. Although they do not occur often, we have tried to establish a practice that is fair & safe for all.

- If the school your child attends decides to delay school one or two hours, your child will be picked up approximately one to two hours later than usual. (School will be dismissed at the regular time.)
- When your hometown declares a “delayed” opening, we have to assume it is due to unsafe road conditions within that town and we will honor that delay. Your child will be picked up on the delayed schedule.

“But my child rides with classmates from neighboring towns...how can that work if my town has a delay and the other students from another town in the car do not have a delay or have a different delay...?”

- If your child is riding to school in a car with children from different towns...and there is a delayed opening in any one of the towns for any student in the vehicle...the entire vehicle will automatically operate on that delay. In the case of varying delays, ie., Arlington has a 2 hr. delay and Lexington has a 1 hr. delay; all students on that route would be picked up at a later time; approximately 2 hrs later. This has been established both for safety reasons and to help with the logistics of transporting all the children to school. As a parent, you may decide not to send your child to school on a day with delayed openings OR you may choose to drive your child to school yourself. Please call your driver as early as possible if this decision is made.
- Exceptions will be considered, as each winter day has its own set of circumstances. Getting our students to school and home safely will always be our priority. We appreciate your

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understanding during these challenging days. Our wish is that all snow occurs on school vacations!

- If school is released early, a parent must be prepared to be home to receive their child. Please arrange to be home or have another person at home to receive your child in the case of an early dismissal in bad weather.