

Inclement Weather College Closing Policy

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Closing of NWACC classes and administrative offices may be necessary from time to time due to bad weather and/or emergency situations. Decisions on any closings or subsequent openings are made by the president or the president's designee.

The policy below applies to NWACC Bentonville Campus, NWACC College At the Crossings, Adult Education Center and NWACC Washington County Center (please see below for The Regional Technology Center's Policy).

Announcements of decisions to close and/or open will normally be announced at approximately 5:30 a.m. for daytime activities and 2:00 p.m. for evening activities through the local media and on the Student Information Line: 479-619-4377, the Staff Information Line: 479-619-4343, and on the college home page at www.nwacc.edu.

Unless announced otherwise, NWACC will be open at the regularly scheduled times. This policy may differ from bad weather/emergency policies of local public school districts because:

1. NWACC does not bus students, as do the public schools;
2. The College has evening classes, but the public schools normally do not;
3. NWACC classes may be canceled, but the College administrative office may be open.

Due to the fact that NWACC has some unique situations to consider, decisions to open and close the College have to be made based on the needs of the College district and cannot necessarily correspond with decisions of local public schools or other area entities.

Should NWACC have to close or delay opening one location (i.e., Bentonville, Bella Vista or WCC) because of weather, all locations will close or delay opening. Only designated essential NWACC personnel should report to work when the college is closed. No other employees should enter any buildings when college is closed.

Students and employees are encouraged to make decisions regarding reporting to class or to their respective work stations based upon their own individual set of circumstances. *The College values the safety of each individual and expects that people will take responsibility for safeguarding their own welfare.*

The following policy applies to NWACC's Regional Technology Center

Because of transportation and other considerations during inclement weather, the decision to hold all classes, activities and operate the Child Care Center at the Regional Technology Center will follow the decision made by the Fayetteville Public School District regarding the closing of District facilities and cancellation or

delay of classes. If the FPSD closes, delays opening of district facilities or dismisses students early from classes, the RTC will follow that schedule.

It is possible that the RTC will close and NWACC main campus and its educational centers will remain open during inclement weather.

On mornings or during the school day when the weather becomes severe, local radio and television stations will be notified as early as possible of the FPS District decision to open or close or delay opening so this information can be obtained by RTC employees. Employees at RTC may also check the Fayetteville Public School District website www.fayar.net for notification of opening or closing or delay in opening. Also, the RTC Dean will contact key RTC personnel regarding decisions relating to inclement weather.

If during the school day weather conditions become bad enough to require buses to make their runs before the regularly scheduled time, Fayetteville Public Schools will notify RTC officials and local radio and television stations. Buses will return students to their home schools.

In times of inclement weather, students and employees are encouraged to make decisions regarding reporting to class or work based on their own individual safety circumstances. The college values the safety of each individual and expects that people will take responsibility for safeguarding their own welfare.