

Weather Advisory Information

In case of inclement weather, tune into the local radio stations, TV stations, and their websites for school schedule changes. OMPH School follows the Ephrata School District's plan of action for early dismissals, delays in opening, and cancellations.

Weather Related Delay: School districts do provide bussing for weather related delays:

1. OMPH follows the Ephrata School District. As soon as we hear from them, we inform the Weather Alert system who will in turn post or announce the delay.
2. If the district in which you reside has a delay and OMPH does not, your child(ren) may ride the school district bus. They will not be considered late for the day.
3. If OMPH has a delay but your school district does not, your child(ren) may ride the district bus at the normal time. There will be someone at school to admit them into the building.

Weather Related Early Dismissal:

1. Please review with your child(ren) what they are to do/where they are to go when we have a weather related early dismissal.
2. All after-school activities are cancelled when an early dismissal is called. This includes but is not limited to the after-school program, basketball, and cheerleading.
3. School districts do provide bussing for weather related dismissals.
 - a. OMPH follows the Ephrata School District. As soon as we hear from them, we inform the Weather Alert system who will in turn post or announce the dismissal for OMPH students.
 - b. If Ephrata School District does not dismiss early but the school district in which you reside dismisses early, your child(ren) will be dismissed early from OMPH when your district bus arrives.
 - c. If you hear on the TV or radio that your local district is dismissing at certain time, you can assume that the district bus will pick up your child at OMPH at a time close to the time given on the TV or radio, but because the district busses often stop at several buildings, they may not pick up the children at OMPH at exactly that same time as they are picking up the children in the public school.
 - d. If OMPH closes early but your school district does not close, your child(ren) will be dismissed at the regular time.
4. All students riding by car will be dismissed to the rear of the school. We will follow the same routine as our daily dismissal. Please wait in your car for your child(ren). It is much easier for us to assure the safety of all students when they are dismissed in this manner.
Please do not park in the front of the school for a weather related early dismissal. Access to the driveway is needed for busses. All busses will be loaded as they arrive. Cars will be dismissed if there are no busses in the front.

Early dismissals create a very hectic situation in the office. We need to keep our phone line open so the school district can contact us. Please refer to the radio or TV stations rather than calling the school. The information for your district will be available there as soon as the district has made a decision. Thank you!

Weather Related Cancellation: When Ephrata School District closes OMPH will close.

Currently OMPH School contacts WGAL-TV to post weather related schedule changes. WGAL offers an email service to you when the school has a delay in opening, is closing or dismissing early. It may be accessed through their website www.wgal.com, under the site tools select email sign up to register.