

Bus Delays

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School and buses could possibly be delayed due to weather conditions, lack of water or electricity in the buildings, or other such circumstances. Delays such as these are posted to the school web site. Through the same website, you can sign up for email and text alerts. The next best resources for school and bus delays are the local radio stations, WCSM (96.7 FM) and WKKI (94.3 FM); TV stations are not usually able to accept any message out of the ordinary. In rare situations, a single route could be held up due to a last-minute emergency.

St. Henry Schools sometimes calls a “two-hour delay with late buses.” **A “two-hour delay with late buses” means that the buses will leave school for the morning route a minimum of twenty (20) minutes later than the two-hour delay.** If our first bus normally leaves on the morning route at 6:50; on a two-hour delay with late buses, it will not go out before 9:10 and the other buses would follow based on their normal departure time. In other words, you should figure that your bus would arrive two hours and twenty minutes later than normal.

Under some conditions, individual buses might be released later than that, depending on the weather conditions in the area in which that bus travels. For example, fog might be heavy or roads filled with snow on one bus route. Ideally, those checking roads like to see at least “two utility poles” in the fog; less than that is a signal to delay. We would hold that bus up until conditions improve.

Besides getting a late start, bus drivers always have the option of pulling off the road and calling by radio in if they feel it is unsafe to go on. If your bus does not arrive by the time you believe it is due, we don’t mind if you call the transportation office at 419-678-4834 and check on your bus.

Students, parents, teachers – everybody involved – would rather go to school on scheduled days. About half the students walk to school. They can get here safely by the time we start the school day two hours late and we can count a day of school. Buses, on the other hand, leave the district about an hour before walkers need to be here. If we can hold them up for twenty minutes, we can often save a school day and avoid having to make it up later in the year.

Parents, please remind your children to be especially careful while waiting on the bus when weather conditions are poor. Remind them that it is more important than ever to stand back in their Designated Place of Safety and to stay there until the driver motions them to board the bus. They should board the bus swiftly and sit down so the bus is stopped on the roadway for the minimum amount of time.