

2-HOUR DELAY START FAQ

1) Why have a 2-hour delay start?

- This option allows us to keep students' safety as a top priority, while also maximizing instructional time during the regularly calendared school year.
- Provide pre-planning—generally, the night before—for a minor morning weather event.

2) When will we use a 2-hour delay start?

- When temperatures are expected to be very cold in the night thus creating a colder morning for students waiting for school buses.
- These situations are when our weather service predicts temperatures at 10 to 15 degrees below normal this winter.
- When either (a) the forecast is for bad weather in the early hours of the morning, or (b) when small amounts of winter precipitation fall early in the morning and can be removed from roadways and parking lots in a short period of time.

3) What will the school day look like during a 2-hour delay start?

- Every school and bus route will start two hours later than usual.
- One breakfast option will be served and lunch will be available at the normal schedule.
- School will release at the normal time.
- Certain programs, schedules, and classes would adjust inside the shortened school day.

4) How will the 2-hour delay start affect when my child gets picked up in the morning?

- Pickup times will be approximately two hours later than normal. For example, if your child gets picked up normally at 6:58 AM, on delay start days your child will be picked up at 8:58 AM.

5) When will the doors open to the buildings?

- Doors will open 2 hours later than normal.

6) How does a 2 hour delay impact MATC students?

- If MATC is canceled due to weather but Hallsville is in session, please arrive on Hallsville campus at 10:35 AM.
- If Hallsville is canceled due to weather but MATC is in session, no school transportation will be provided and there will be no penalty for not going to MATC.
- If there is a 2-hour delay at Hallsville but MATC is on regular day, no school transportation will be provided and there will be no penalty for not going to MATC. Please arrive at Hallsville campus at 10:35 AM.
- If there is a 2-hour delay at Hallsville but MATC is canceled due to weather, please arrive on Hallsville campus at 10:35 AM.

7) How does a 2 hour delay impact preschool students?

- Full-day preschool students would start two hours later than normal. ECSE AM preschool **only** will be canceled. ECSE PM preschool class times will remain the same and transportation will still be provided to the school, however, please be mindful pick-up times are approximate.