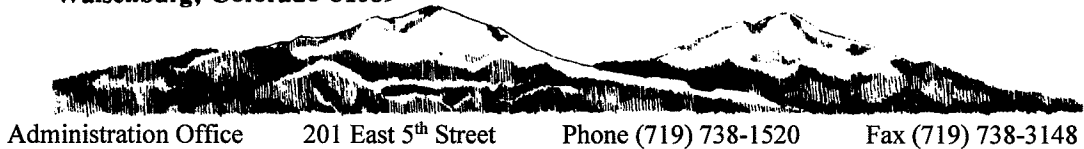


HUERFANO SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Walsenburg, Colorado 81089



Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Staff:

In our efforts to minimize the loss of academic time as a result of weather related conditions and to give State, County, City, and School District snow removal crews a better opportunity to clear roads and parking lots, the Huerfano RE-1 School District will implement, as needed, a two-hour delay procedure. When the two-hour delay procedure is initiated, all schools will start exactly two hours after their normal start time and buses will run two hours later than normal. This means that if your school begins at 8:00 AM on a normal day, with the two-hour delay procedure, your school would begin at 10:00 AM. If the school bus normally picks up your child at 7:07 AM, then the bus will pick up your child at 9:07 AM. All schools will dismiss at the normal times in the afternoon. Please note that there may be days when Walsenburg Schools may be closed and Gardner School open, or vice versa.

The option of a two-hour delay gives the school district a better opportunity to make final decisions about school closures. This means that we may initiate the two-hour delay procedure if we have concerns about transporting students and/or opening our schools. We will then further investigate the safety of the roads and monitor weather changes before determining whether or not to open or close school on a given day.

It is also important that all involved parties know where to receive school closure or delay information. All school closures and delays will be announced at Huerfano School District Re-1's web site <http://huerfano.k12.co.us> , on our official Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/HuerfanoRe1> , and at the following news media organizations:

We will attempt to get the word out to local radio and tv stations, including KSPK-FM/TV, KKTU (CBS), KOAA (NBC), KRDO (ABC), KXRM (Fox), among other radio stations that are within our listening area.

Along with notifying local media outlets, we will contact staff, parents/guardians and students with our "robocall" alert system, which can call, text message and email parents/guardians and students of such events. **If you want to receive such messages please ensure that your contact information is up to date by calling the administration office of your student's school.**

These media outlets will be used in other emergency situations as well. In the past, many phone calls have been received by the local police station, the KSPK Radio Station, school administration, and personnel asking about school closures. Please do not call them about school closures. Their phone lines are needed for emergencies during inclement weather. If you have any questions about the school closing notices and processes, please do not hesitate to contact the administration office in your school or the District Office at 738-1520.

The rubric, on the back side of this letter, plus a good dose of common sense are used to help make our decision regarding school status for those days of inclement weather. **I will, at all times, consider the safety of our children and personnel first.**

Thank you for your cooperation,

Superintendent of Schools
Huerfano RE-1 School District

Weather Rubric for School Delays & Cancellations

BONUS

	15-30 degrees	0-15 degrees	Below Zero	Snow Overnight?
Temperature	1	1		
Snow	2-4 Inches	4-8 Inches	Over 8 Inches	Dark @ median travel time?
Wind	5-10 mph	10-25 mph	25 + mph	Area closures?
Wind Chill (feel)	0-10 degrees	-10 to 0	Below -10	County R&B?
Visibility	Limited	Impaired		COTRIP?
Chance precip	25 - 50%	50 - 80%	80% +	Sunshine/warming temps = -1
Chance wind	5-10 mph	10-25 mph	25+ mph	

Delay = 8-11 points Close = >12

11/12/2014

Total Points

9