

Mount Desert Island Regional School System AOS 91

2020-2021 Storm Day Protocols

The safety of our students and staff is an important responsibility and we take this into consideration when making the decision to cancel school, dismiss students early, or delay the start of school. ***We report all cancellations, delays and early releases with a School Messenger text/email.**

Delayed Start of School will be used on storm days when travel is expected to improve during the morning commute. If the **delayed start** procedure is used, K-8 parents should plan on bus transportation picking students up approximately 2 hours after their regular pick-up time. Breakfast will be available for students even with a 2-hour delay.

****In the event of a delayed start at the K-8 schools, high school will be held in a fully remote setting following the regular daily schedule.***

Early Dismissal MDIRSS – AOS 91 tries to limit early dismissals due to inclement weather or unique circumstances as they provide little or no time for families to arrange alternative care for their children. Through careful planning and the student's welfare in mind, we make every attempt to not dismiss school early. As the weather and events can be unpredictable, there may be exceptions that may warrant early dismissal. ***Early dismissal times may be amended by the Superintendent of Schools on a case-by-case basis dependent upon the nature of any unanticipated event.***

School Cancellation

After conferring with area school superintendents, local officials and in considering the local weather forecast, a decision will be made on whether to hold or cancel school. The decision as to whether school is held, delayed or cancelled is made by the Superintendent of Schools. Not everyone agrees with each storm day decision. As parents, you have the ultimate decision as to whether you send your student to school or not. If we hold school and you are concerned with your child traveling, by all means keep them home.

We encourage you to discuss with your child(ren) what they are to do in an emergency and communicate this information to their school as well.

School	Grade level	2 hour delay start time	Early dismissal time
MDI High School*	9-12	9:00 am - Full Remote	12:30 pm
Trenton	K-8	10:30 am	11:30 am
Connors-Emerson	K-8	10:30 am	11:30 am
Mt. Desert Elem.	K-8	10:30 am	11:30 am
Pemetic	K-8	10:30 am	11:30 am
Tremont	K-8	10:30 am	11:30 am
Swan's Island	K-8	10:30 am	12:00 pm
Virtual Academy Program	K-7	10:15 am	12:00 pm

*We will also **attempt** to post on the following: **television stations:** Channel 2 (WLBZ) and Channel 5 (WABI) **radio stations:** WNSX (97.7), WQCB (106.5), WBZN (107.3), WEZQ (92.9), WWMJ (95.7), WDEA-AM 1370 websites: www.mdirss.org and <https://www.mdislander.com/> and <https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/>