# Weather Policy 2023

Dear SCDS Families,

Our staff understands that our decision to open, close or delay school opening during inclement weather often disrupts family schedules. We also understand that our children are better served academically, emotionally, and socially by being in school. But, as always, our top priority is the safety of our children and staff, so the decision to close or delay opening is not an easy one. The process is complex and involves many people.

Sterling Christian Day School will be closed or delayed for inclement weather when local school districts (LCPS) are closed or delayed. Still, our center has its own exclusive circumstance. We also make decisions based off of road conditions, transportation for staff, road crews, amount of snow and/or ice accumulated, whether precipitation throughout the day, Temperature and wind chill, Weather predictions, Storm timing, trajectory, and projection, building conditions (such as whether our building's electricity and/or heat service is disrupted) and Parking lot conditions. Parking lots are a major influencer, being so we are located on a hill.

Moving forward the decision of closure will be made no later than 5am unless LCPS has made the decision of closure prior to. We do our absolute best in the process of making these decisions for the comfort of the parents and the safety of students and staff. It is especially important for parents to have plans in place in case the decision of closure needs to be made later than 5am. As we do our best to satisfy families, we also understand that often the perfect decision does not exist.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our weather policy please feel free to call our center during operating hours (7:30am-5:30 pm), email me at sterlingchristandayschool@gmail.com or contact me personally at 571-205-8806. Or our school number during school hours at:  703-430-6140.

Sincerely,

Jeniffer Shalem (Director)
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