

# **Snow Day Make Up Procedures**

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## ***Calendar Policy***

- North Carolina schools are required to complete 1,025 hours of instruction or a minimum of 185 student days in a school year covering at least nine calendar months. We consider these minimum requirements and seek to attend as many days as possible.
- WCS starts the school year with 180 student days, 10 annual leave days, 11 holidays, nine optional teacher workdays and five mandatory work days.
- Annual leave days, holidays and optional teacher work days can be moved to accommodate any schedule changes due to missed school days.
- The Superintendent has the discretion to make necessary changes to the make-up plan for various circumstances. Such changes may impact the last day of school for students and teachers.

## ***Makeup Days***

- The WCS Snow Team considers makeup options during each incident of inclement weather. Makeup days may be used differently depending on the severity and circumstances of each weather event.
- The Snow Team considers several factors in determining what makeup option will be used, including the high school exam schedule.
- After one or more school days are missed, Saturday school may be used as a make up day. Saturday school will be not be held on more than two Saturdays in a four week period, and no more than two consecutive Saturdays will be used. Saturday school may be held even if schools are closed on a Friday. Saturday school will be used to make up for a day missed in the same week.
- Attending school during spring break, as well as adding additional days at the end of the year, may be used to make up for missed school days.

## ***Communication of Schedule Changes / More Information***

- There are several ways to get school closing information: email updates, text messages, Twitter, website ([www.wataugaschools.org](http://www.wataugaschools.org)), the snowline at (828) 264-0200, and the Connect 5 phone call that goes out to all households from the superintendent's office.

- As changes are made, calendar information is updated online at [www.wataugaschools.org/calendar](http://www.wataugaschools.org/calendar).