INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Extreme weather conditions during the winter months may require Surry Community College to cancel or delay classes in consideration of the safety of both student and employees. Weather conditions must be extreme before classes will be cancelled.

The College will make every attempt to announce a decision to close or operate on a delayed schedule by no later than 7:00 a.m. (usually earlier), and by 2:00 p.m. for evening classes. If no announcement is made, classes will operate on a regular schedule. If the College is closed or delayed, the faculty and staff workday is also cancelled or delayed.

The announcement will be published on the following television stations and their websites.
- WFMY- TV - Greensboro (Channel 2) http://www.wfmynews2.com/closings/
- WGHP-TV - High Point (Channel 8) http://myfox8.com/weather/closings-delays/
- WXII- TV - Winston Salem (Channel 12) http://www.wxii12.com/weather/closings
- TIME Warner Cable – Triad (Channel 14) http://triadnc.twcnews.com/content/weather/closings/
- WXLV-TV- Winston Salem (Channel 45) http://www.abc45.com/players/features/weather/video.shtml#closings

Any decision to delay or cancel will be available on the automated message of the main campus phone number (336-386-8121) and on the college website (http://www.surry.edu).

A decision to close early will be implemented so that everyone gets the message as close to the same time as possible. No classes are to dismiss before receiving an official message. A decision to close means that faculty and staff may also leave after reasonably assuring all students in their charge have been released. Any exception to the early release of faculty and staff will be announced.

There could be a distinction made between day and evening classes. Evening classes officially start with the 4:00 p.m. classes.

There could be distinction between Surry and Yadkin counties and the SCC learning centers.

Impact on classes
If the College announces a delay, classes will begin at the time of opening. Students need go to their normally scheduled class at the time of opening.

For example:

If a student has a regularly scheduled course that meets from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. and the College is on a two hour delay (College opening at 10:00 a.m.), then the student will attend their 9:30 course at 10:00 when the College opens. The student will then follow their regular schedule of classes for the remainder of the day.

Classes that are missed during the time of delay or closure will need to find an alternative way of making up the loss of instructional time. However, if the College misses more than 15% of total instructional time, then the College may make calendar and schedule adjustments to make up the loss of instructional time.

Early College High School (ECHS) and Career & College Promise (CCP) Students:

ECHS and CCP students are expected to follow the same class attendance schedule as all other SCC students. Only under the following conditions will the College deviate from this policy.
If the public schools closed early due to threatening weather conditions, CCP and ECHS students will be sent home at the same time as their high school counter parts.

If the College remains open after the public schools have closed due to threatening weather conditions, those CCP and ECHS students will not be required to come to the College to attend classes.

Students will be allowed to make up missed work without penalty. The instructors will still record the students’ absences on the roster; however, these absences should not be counted toward the instructors’ maximum number of allowed absences. Students should be encouraged to save any excused absences given by college instructors for this kind of situation.

Because geographic areas and conditions vary in our service area, it is imperative that all students use good judgment and should avoid driving in dangerous conditions.

Campus Events
If the College or a learning center is closed or delayed, all events for the College or at the learning center will also be cancelled or delayed.