

Green Hedges School Inclement Weather Policy 2011-2012

Cancellation/Delayed Opening/Early School Closing

Green Hedges makes decisions regarding the opening or closing of school due to inclement weather independent of Fairfax County Public Schools. If conditions warrant the cancellation of school or a delayed opening, this information will be available at following locations.

- Radio station WTOP (103.5 FM, or 820 AM)
- NBC News 4 (channel may vary depending on individual television service)
- Green Hedges inclement weather line (703-938-8323, ext. 330)
- Green Hedges website home page (www.greenhedges.org)

School closure or delayed opening announcements will be made by 6:00 am. As weather and subsequent driving conditions may vary greatly for our families based on geographic location, in all cases **parents are asked to make their best judgment in determining whether it is safe to transport children during inclement weather.**

School Cancellation

The total instructional time in the course of a year at Green Hedges exceeds the minimum requirements as mandated by the state of Virginia. In the rare instance of excessive inclement weather/emergency cancellations, the School reserves the right to cancel holidays and add make-up days.

Delayed Opening

If conditions warrant a delayed opening, Green Hedges will open one hour late. Drop-off will begin at 8:45 am and classes will begin at 9:15 am.

On delayed openings, Montessori Half Day students will attend classes for the time remaining in their regular daily schedule and will be dismissed at their regular time.

Early Closing

While Green Hedges School will always seek to remain open until the completion of the school day, certain conditions require an early closure. In these rare instances, the School will notify parents by publishing this information on the school web page (www.greenhedges.org), by sending out an email notification, and/or through a school

phone chain. There will be no Extended Day when there is an early school dismissal.

Regardless of the School's decision, during times of inclement weather parents may use their own discretion in picking up their child(ren).