

## **Inclement Weather Policy**

When deciding whether or not to close or delay the opening of school for inclement weather, school administrators will consider carefully the actions of the Richland County public school districts. Because the districts have more timely access to information concerning the conditions of local roads and highways, the School will follow their decisions regarding school openings and closings due to weather conditions. Once a decision is made by the Richland County school districts, the School will notify local media and update its automated voicemail system and website.

Because Heathwood Hall draws students from a wide geographic area, it is possible that a family's local conditions may be such that a family may determine it is not prudent to travel on local roads. We encourage our families to make their assessment of weather conditions and to employ their judgment. The School will respect a family's decision not to send its children to school because of inclement weather even though the school may be open.

Our response to the following situations will be:

A. If Richland 1 and/or Richland 2 announce through the local media that their districts' schools will not open because of weather conditions, Heathwood Hall will not open.

B. If Richland 1 and/or Richland 2 announce a delayed opening of school, Heathwood will also have a delayed opening. Please check the School's voicemail or website or check the local media for details.

For those families using Heathwood's bus service, the service will operate when school is open. If the opening of school is delayed, bus pick-up times will be adjusted for the delay. For example, if the school opening is delayed by two hours, bus pick-up time will be delayed by two hours.

C. If inclement weather arises during the school day, the school will monitor closely the decisions of both Richland 1 and Richland 2 school districts to help determine if Heathwood should close early. Under these circumstances, families should check the School's voicemail, website or tune in to the local media for details.

For those families using Heathwood's bus service, if school is dismissed early because of inclement weather, parents of bus riders will be contacted for permission before children are allowed to ride the bus. It is possible that the weather could be so severe that it is not safe for our bus service to operate. In that case, parents of bus riders will be contacted so that the appropriate arrangements for pick-up can be made.

### Heathwood Communication Systems

Voice Mail Message

765-2309 or 343-0400

Back-up Message (if the campus phone system goes down, please try this number to hear a recording about school closing information. Do not leave a message on this number.)

779-3472

Heathwood Website

[www.heathwood.org](http://www.heathwood.org)

**Radio Stations**

WARQ (FM 93.5)

WCOS (FM 97.5-AM  
1400)

WMFX (FM 102.3)

WMHK (FM 89.7)

WNOK/WOIC (FM  
104.7-AM 1230)

WOMG (FM 103.1)

WSCQ (FM 100.1)

WTCB (FM 106)

WVOC (AM 560)

WWDM (FM 101.3)

**Television Stations**

WACH (FOX)

WIS (NBC)

WLTX (CBS)

WOLO (ABC)