

Snow make-up days will extend school year

The recent snow and ice storm that pounded Kentucky will push the school year into June. Including the five days missed last week, Fayette County Public Schools has now missed seven days of school because of wintry weather. Here is how those days will be made up:

School day missed / Make-up date:

- Dec. 16 / Feb. 13
- Jan. 16 / March 6
- Jan. 26 / May 19
- Jan. 27 / May 29
- Jan. 28 / June 1
- Jan. 29 / June 2
- Jan. 30 / June 3

That leaves four remaining make-up days, if needed: June 4, June 5, June 8 and June 9. Any days beyond that would have to be approved by the Fayette County Board of Education.

Families with students graduating this spring should be aware that state law prohibits graduation ceremonies prior to the last day of the academic school year. Since the last day of classes remains in question until the weather warms up, high school graduation ceremony dates and times will not be scheduled until all the winter make-up dates are settled.

The back story:

FCPS leaders keep a close eye on the weather forecasts and weigh several factors when deciding whether to cancel or delay school.

School administrators consider the ambient air temperature, wind chill and level of precipitation to determine if any action is necessary. Power outages and debris on streets also can be factors. The district's main concern is the safety of students, staff and employees.

As soon as FCPS makes a decision that affects school schedules, details are publicized on Channel 13 and on the district's home page. The information also is shared with local media, including television and radio stations.

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