DAY STUDENT
ADVERSE WEATHER INSTRUCTIONS

Safety First! - Parents should never hesitate to keep a student at home or to have a student stay at school overnight when weather conditions may make traveling hazardous. Remember, as a residential school, Mercersburg does not close due to weather conditions. No announcements will be made on radio or TV. Assume the school is open with classes in progress every day no matter how severe the weather. However, if conditions are unsafe, keep your child at home.

Student at Home - As weather conditions may vary even 20 miles from the school, we trust parents to make a decision based on conditions in their area. From 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. notify the Office of Student Life at 717-328-6119 or studentlife@mercersburg.edu, that conditions do not permit safe travel. For notification before or after those hours, call the Health Center, 717-328-6136. The student will be excused from all classes missed with the understanding that work missed will be made up without penalty but at the student's initiative. The best way for missed assignments to be obtained is for the student to contact their teacher or check the class Schoology page. Additionally, if we ever need to have a delay for any reason (and it is rare) we will send information via text message to the student's phone by 7 am, if at all possible.

Student at School - At the onset of severe weather conditions, the Dean of Student Life will monitor the situation and as necessary will issue instructions to students during lunch time announcements or by other means. If conditions warrant early dismissal, those who wish to return home may do so or if conditions are too hazardous they may stay at the campus overnight. In general, space is available in the dormitory common rooms or sharing space with a boarding student. In all cases the Dean of Student Life will inform day students of the options. To be prepared for such contingencies each student should have a minimal amount of extra clothing and toiletries available. A lightweight sleeping bag is useful, although blankets, sheets, pillows and towels will be available in each dorm.

Cooperation and communication between parents and the Office of Student Life is essential during these weather emergencies, do not hesitate to contact that office at any time with your concerns. Our mutual interest is for the safety of your children.