

## Traveling in Adverse Weather Conditions

Since Teacher Candidates are to follow the calendar prepared for first year teachers, they are to report for student teaching during all days when a first year teacher is required to work. For example, if there is an optional teacher work day, the teacher candidate should report to school. During the winter months, a Teacher Candidate could find travel on some of these days to be questionable.

In making travel decisions, Teacher Candidates should do the following, in this order:

- Consult with the Cooperating Teacher and/or Principal;
- Consult with the University Supervisor;
- Consult with the Assistant Dean;
- Consult with personnel at the Appalachian Caldwell Center or other ASU off-campus sites.

*The bottom line is that the Teacher Candidate must make an informed and safe decision.* No one can make this decision for the Teacher Candidate.

Local superintendents follow specific protocols when making weather related decisions and will not hold school for anyone if the roads are deemed unsafe. Districts also, however, expect teachers to make good decisions about their own travel. We expect the same of our Teacher Candidates.

Days missed due to adverse travel conditions will be made up at the end of the semester and the grade will be submitted as soon as the student teaching experience has been completed.