Planning for Inclement Weather

During the winter season, there is always the possibility of inclement weather. The School of Education and the school sites want you to be safe when you travel to-and-from school sites.

Inclement weather is not an excuse to report late to a school site.

Here are some things to do:

1. Check the weather forecast the evening before you report to the school site.
   a. If there is a projected report of inclement weather, then you will need to adjust your travel schedule.
   b. This may mean waking up 40-to-90 minutes (or more) earlier than you usually wake up.
   c. If the forecast reports an upcoming storm, be sure to get your “stuff” ready the night before:
      - Lay out your clothes
      - Pack your lunch
      - Set up the coffee machine
      - Get your practicum materials ready and packed up
      - Factor in “morning time” for scraping the snow off your car
      - Etc.

2. Check the weather forecast, early in the morning, before you report to the school site.

3. Check the web page of the school site/district for school closing information. News and radio stations are an additional source for this information.

4. Check www.weather.com

5. Consult the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) website for weather/road conditions: http://www.cotrip.org/home.htm

6. Plan for a longer commute if the schools will be open.

7. Make sure you have the proper contact information so that you can communicate with your cooperating teacher: program telephone numbers into your mobile device/phone.