



Preparing for Winter Weather

Winter weather is upon us. We are faced with tough decisions when snow, sleet, fog, ice, and below zero temperature cause us to alter the school day by canceling, delaying, or sending students home early. The decision to close or delay schools is not taken lightly. Closing schools disrupts work schedules and causes inconveniences for parents and their employers. However, the lives of our children far outweigh the inconveniences caused by the districts decision to close, delay or dismiss school early.

How will I find out if schools are closed?

If school is delayed or closed for the day, all families will receive an automated phone call by 6:15 a.m. giving students who board the bus early in the morning ample notice to stay home. After implementing the Alert now phone call, the number of students arriving at school decreased to zero.

Can families opt out of the phone call?

Unfortunately, families cannot opt out of the phone call because it is also used for other emergencies.

Will the media be alerted if the school closed?

These stations will make announcements if school is delayed or closed.

Radio AM	Radio-FM	Television
1070 WTSO	92.1 WMAD	3 WISC
1310 WIBA	94.9 WOLX	15 WMTV
1480WTDY	96.3 WCJZ	27 WKOW
	102.5 WNWC	
	104.1 WZEE	
	105.1 CharlieFM	

How does the School district make the decision to close schools?

The district works with Weather Central, which contacts the Superintendent when the weather forecast calls for snow, sleet, hazardous conditions due to blowing and drifting, and temperature/wind chills below zero. The Superintendent makes the decision after consulting with the Transportation Supervisor, other area Superintendents, and the Weather Central.

Does this include private schools?

If district schools are closed due to inclement weather, St. Francis, St. Peter's, Westside Christian, and Peace Thru Christ Schools will also close.

When are schools closed for frigid temperatures?

Schools are closed when actual air temperatures are 25 degrees below zero or windchill factors of 35 degrees below zero.

Are students ever released early?

If conditions change rapidly, stay tuned for updates throughout the day. If students will be released early, parents will receive an e-mail and/or phone call notifying them of the plan.

What if the dismissal is near the lunch hour?

If an early dismissal occurs during the day, we will make every effort to provide lunch for students.

Are all events canceled if schools are closed?

If schools are canceled for the day, co-curricular, evening activities/concerts, and after-school care programs would be canceled. the Middleton Area Indoor Pool would also be closed.

How do I find out if evening activities are canceled?

If evening activities are canceled, schools may send parents an email or post the cancellation on the school website. If evening events are canceled, the Middleton Area Indoor Pool would also be closed.

Is the school day ever delayed?

Under unusual and rare circumstances, a one or two-hour delay in the starting time may be considered due to inclement weather conditions. Parents would receive an automated phone call from the district if the school day is delayed. If schools are delayed for two hours, early childhood classes will be canceled.

What are the cold weather guidelines when school is in session?

When the air temperature is 0 degrees Fahrenheit or colder and/or the wind factor is -10 degrees Fahrenheit or colder, all students shall be permitted to enter the building upon arrival to school, and will be kept indoors during recess periods in grades K-8.

What if schools are not closed and I think it's too dangerous to send my student/s to school?

Ultimately, the decision to not send students/s to school rests with the parent or guardian. Students kept home due to this parental decision will be allowed to make up work. Please contact the district attendance line to let the school know your child will not attend that day.