



District 117 puts student safety first, which is why the district takes several factors into consideration when determining whether to close schools/use E-Learning due to extreme weather. The following are some criteria that will be used when making school closure/E-Learning decisions. Invariably, there will be situations that do not fit into the guidelines in which case the administration will do its best to provide cancellation/E-Learning information to families as soon as possible.

## School may be canceled/E-Learning day used if:

- The late news forecast (10pm) for 6am the next day predicts a wind chill BELOW -25 degrees.
- OR
- An actual air temperature of negative double digits. Air temperature is colder than -10 degrees.

## Snow days:

As for the more traditional “Snow day” the district plans to decide by 5 a.m. on a given day whether school will be canceled or moved to E-Learning that day due to heavy snow and/or icy conditions. On days when school has already begun, and conditions appear to be worsening; the district will decide by 1p.m. whether after-school activities will be canceled for that afternoon.

## Other considerations:

- Is there blowing snow with winds greater than 20 miles per hour?
- Is there or will there be a heavy accumulation of snow, especially during the typical travel times to and from school?
- Are streets and sidewalks clear?
- Are buses unable to run due to extreme cold or unplowed streets?
- Are driving conditions hazardous?
- Are there power or phone outages?
- A late start schedule will be an option.

If school is not canceled and a parent and/or guardian feel his/her child is safer at home, they reserve the right to keep them home. Keeping a child home due to weather will be recorded as an excused absence on the student's record so long as the parent and/or guardian reports the absence in a timely manner.

In the event schools are closed or the arrival/dismissal time is changed due to severe weather, please check the status of D117 facility in the following ways:

- Go to the public website at <http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com/complete.html> and search for the facility by typing the name and city or by the main phone number of the facility.
- Receive an email notification of a change made to your facility by signing upon the Emergency Closing Center website at [www.emergencyclosings.com](http://www.emergencyclosings.com)
- Listen to WGN Radio 720-AM, WBBM Radio 780-AM, or watch CBS Ch. 2, NBC Ch. 5, ABC CH. 7, FOX 32, WGN-TV Ch. 9 or CLTV cable for closing information
- Check the CHSD117 website (<http://www.chsd117.org>)

If schools are closed for the day, CHSD117 will make every effort to release this information via the aforementioned avenues by 5:30 a.m. If schools are closed or moved to E-Learning, all after-school activities in the district, including sports and evening events, will also be canceled; unless otherwise communicated.