

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

The school district cannot guarantee the safety of road conditions at any time. The district administration makes the decision whether or not to operate schools. Parents must make the decision whether or not to send their children to school during bad weather conditions.

When ice or snow causes hazardous driving conditions, it is the districts' intention to operate schools only when roads are safe. School officials begin checking road conditions at 4:00 a.m. However, many times conditions cannot be determined until two or three hours later because snow or ice may occur at daybreak. When possible, a decision is made early - usually by 5:30 a.m. Once a decision is made, radio and TV stations are notified and the announcement is put on the air with the 6:00 a.m. news. The announcement is repeated frequently until the normal time for school to begin.

If a decision to close schools cannot be made by 5:30 a.m., school opening may be delayed for an hour or more. If an announcement is made that the school opening time will be delayed, teachers will not be at the schools until the announced time. Therefore, students may not be brought to school until the announced opening time.

When schools close due to weather conditions, school personnel and the local radio and TV stations will communicate accurate information as early and as quickly as possible. Our local radio and TV stations are partners with the school district and cooperate with us in making these announcements. We believe that our local radio and TV stations are the most effective way through which a school closing or delay announcement can be made. We appreciate the cooperation of our local stations.

- Local radio and TV stations will announce the decision as soon as it is made.
- The announcement will be broadcast no later than 6:00 am on the day concerned.
- The announcement will be made no less than once every ten minutes.
- Students, parents, and other persons concerned are asked not to telephone anyone – the superintendent, principal, teacher, or radio and TV stations. This request is made so that telephone lines are kept open for those responsible for making the decision.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school system.