

School Closings and Cancellations Snow Plan

There are times when winter weather causes an exercise of judgment whether school should be in session or called off. The criteria for making this decision is based on the following data and actions.

When weather reports and obvious local conditions indicate a necessity, the transportation director will check the weather conditions on the Summit Ridge and Rico routes, and if time allows, various county road bus routes. If conditions appear marginal, i.e., heavy snowfall and/or poor visibility, the transportation director and superintendent will determine if:

1. School should proceed
2. The buses and school should run on a delayed schedule, with school commencing at 10:00 a.m.
3. School should be cancelled for the day

If school is cancelled or run on a delayed schedule, the superintendent and transportation director will notify the radio stations and all parties involved before 6:00 a.m. about the decision.

In the case of extra-curricular activities and practices:

1. Activity trips will normally be canceled if the travel conditions have caused or are expected to cause school to be called off.
2. When conditions exist which have caused or would cause school to be called off, coaches and sponsors or extra-curricular activities are expected to cancel practices or other extra-curricular gatherings. No penalty shall be assessed against students not attending meetings, gatherings or practices under the above mentioned weather conditions.

Early Dismissal

When weather conditions indicate a necessity to dismiss school early, the transportation Director and superintendent will check road conditions around the district between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to determine if an early dismissal is necessary.

When dismissing early, it is the intent of the district to have the student arrive at home as near to his/her normal time of arrival.

Example:

1. If weather conditions are light snow and road conditions are snow packed, school may be dismissed 15 minutes early.
2. If weather conditions are snowing and a build up of 2" to 3" of snow on the roads, school buses may run 30 minutes early.
3. If weather conditions are heavy, but travel is safe, school may be dismissed up to an hour early.
4. If weather conditions are severe and travel conditions are unsafe, students who ride buses will be kept at school until travel conditions are safe, unless they are released to parents.

With the exception of the Rico bus route and unusual circumstances, school will not be dismissed more than one hour early.

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