



Guidelines for school closures

Parents and students should assume that classes are in session unless otherwise notified.

As we approach the winter season, we would like to share the measures District 62 takes when determining an emergency day. District 62 coordinates guidelines with other elementary and high school districts in our community (63, 64, 79 and 207). The Superintendents work together on closing decisions for severe weather-related conditions or other emergency situations.

Data Source: The National Weather Service (NWS) is the primary meteorological source to determine and declare weather conditions such as snow forecasts, wind-chill advisory or wind-chill warnings: <http://www.weather.gov/>

Priority on Safety: There may be times when school districts in this community close schools because of severe weather-related conditions or other emergency situations. Some of the primary factors that are considered when making a decision include:

- The safety and well-being of students
- The ability of buses to pick up students
- Severity of the weather (extreme cold, excessive snow, flooding, etc.)
- Timing of the weather events
- The operable condition of our buildings

How We Notify Parents and Students: When we deem it necessary to close schools or in the event of any other school emergency, parents can expect to receive an automated phone call and e-mail. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide contact information and/or preferences to the school. Our intent is to announce a school closure decision by 5:30 a.m. Closing information is also available through:

- School and district websites
- WGN's Emergency Closings website: <http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com/>
- Major radio and TV sources
- School and district social media accounts

Personal Family Situations: Any decision to cancel school or alter the school day is based on general safety conditions for all students. Districts know that conditions may vary for each student or family. If, in the event of severe weather when schools are open, you feel it is unsafe to send your student to school, please contact the school office.

Student safety remains our priority. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

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