

## **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, school personnel check the weather conditions at 4:30-5:00 a.m. If these conditions appear marginal, i.e., heavy snowfall (say four to six inches of new snow and snowing) roads are driven throughout the country. This is normally accomplished by the superintendent and chief operations officer. Visibility, particularly heavy fog, is also considered.

After driving the roads, communications are established before 5:45 a.m. (the time any significant number of buses leave on their routes) to determine if:

1. School should proceed
2. The buses and school should run on a delayed schedule (routes started one and one-half to two hours late)
3. School should run normal hours but no buses run
4. School should be called off for the day
5. School should be called off at specific schools

Normally school will not be called off or abbreviated for slick roads or snow depths under eight inches; however, wind, temperature and/or other conditions may occur in combinations which alter normal intent.

In the case of extra-curricular activities and practices:

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

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