



DEER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

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Home of the Warriors

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Emergency School Closing Plan **2021-2022 School Year**

Our highest priority is the safety of students, staff and visitors. Therefore, we must be prepared to close schools on short notice if we believe that there may be potential risk. This possibility has been reinforced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The superintendent is responsible for making all school closing decisions in accordance with board approved procedures. It is important to remember that families are the final decision-makers regarding their child's safety. Please contact the school attendance office if you choose to keep your child home for any reason.

School delay, closing, and early dismissal decisions will be communicated through our Infinite Campus instant messaging system. It is critical that families maintain accurate contact and preference information within Infinite Campus, which is our student records management system. The district will provide daily interaction with students through their Learning Management System (Schoology for high school students and Seesaw for elementary students). Students will be expected to participate through their Learning Management System if in-person classes are cancelled for any reason, including public health concerns, weather, or any other safety related event.

The official source of school closing information will be notices sent through Infinite Campus and the district website <https://www.isd317.org/> As a courtesy, we may also post information on social media and share with local media outlets such as KOZY 1320AM, KAXE 91.7FM, and KOJB 90.1FM.

Decisions regarding weather and road conditions are based upon information gathered from firsthand observations and forecasts from the National Weather Service <https://www.weather.gov>

Cold Temperatures and/or Wind Chill

- Based on a forecast for the starting time of bus routes of an air temperature less than minus 35 degrees Fahrenheit or a wind chill in excess of minus 55 degrees Fahrenheit.
- School delay and closing decisions based on temperature will usually be made the preceding evening.
- Early Childhood and School Age Care programs will follow the decision made for regular classes.
- School activities and community education programs will continue as scheduled unless specifically noted in the delay or closing announcement.
- Facility permit holders for outside organizations may continue with their activities and responsible for their own cancellation announcements.

Snow or Other Weather Factors

- Based on a forecast for 6:00 a.m. of a high probability that travel conditions will be unsafe or routes will be impassable.
- School delay and closing decisions will be made the preceding evening if possible.
- The final, same day decision on road conditions will usually be made between 4:00 and 5:00 a.m. based on firsthand observations.
- Early Childhood and School Age Care programs will follow the decision made for regular classes.
- School activities and community education programs will continue as scheduled unless specifically noted in the delay or closing announcement.
- Facility permit holders for outside organizations may continue with their activities and responsible for their own cancellation announcements.