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"Home of the Warriors"



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"King Pride"

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Emergency School Closing Plan **2020-2021**

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 **parents and guardians 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 a remote daily instruction option during the 2020-2021 school year through Warrior Online. Students who have registered for an in-person instructional model will also be expected to participate online if school is 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

- Changes in school operations will be based upon a forecast for the starting time of bus routes with an air temperature less than minus 35 degrees Fahrenheit or a wind chill in excess of minus 55 degrees Fahrenheit. At temperatures beyond those levels bus operation is unreliable and unexposed skin may suffer frostbite in only a few minutes. The district may also exercise discretion to cancel or alter the school schedule during less severe conditions.
- 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.
- The status of high school activities held after school will be determined by the activities director in consultation with the superintendent.

- Community education courses and facility use permits for outside users will be cancelled if school is cancelled or if dismissed early due to weather.

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.