



Kewaskum School District

The Kewaskum Community Schools ignite a passion for learning.

Inclement Weather Decisions 2019-2020 School Year

October 17, 2019

Dear Parents:

As school superintendent, it can be challenging to decide whether to close schools (for inclement weather) for the day, especially when it must be based on the best information we have around 5:00 a.m. Soon, Wisconsin weather may provide us with difficult school closing decisions.

In order to make Weather Related School Closing Decisions we gather pertinent information. We contact surrounding area school superintendents; receive information from state, county, and village officials; focus on road conditions along with both the short- and long-term weather forecasts; obtain information from our bus transportation company regarding their recommendations and discuss with the Building & Grounds Director to ensure parking lots can be plowed timely for safety.

We also look at our own unique circumstances. A partially rural area (like ours) will have roads that may be in a less safe condition. Armed with the information above, we also base our decision on wind velocity impacting the blowing and drifting of snow in more rural areas of our district; buses running routes on a slower pace having an impact on the length of time students may be waiting at bus stops; parents driving their children to school in poor driving conditions and high school age students with little driving experience being on the roads; number of inches of projected snowfall and if we will have enough bus drivers (their ability to get to work safely is a factor).

What may appear to be a simple decision includes many components. Ultimately, the decision lies with the superintendent and it is, indeed, a difficult one. Like you, my first priority is to ensure the safety of our students. We will never compromise that basic principle when making the decision.

If you believe your child would be safer at home in poor weather conditions, your child's absence will be marked as excused with a phone call to us stating "inclement weather conditions." Likewise, if you are uncomfortable with the weather conditions throughout a poor weather day, we encourage you to use your best judgment, communicate with your school's principal and make the necessary arrangements to pick up your child.

Communication Methods Used for School Closing Information:

- View our web page at www.kewaskumschools.org
- Follow us on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kewaskumschools).
- Listen to School Messenger call (which come to your phone) in its entirety.
- Watch TV Channel WTMJ (4), FOX (6), or WISN (12).
- Listen to 1470 AM, 92.5 FM, 101.3 FM, 620 AM, 94.5 FM, 96.5 FM, 102.9 FM, 98.3 FM, 106.9 FM, 920 AM, 106.1 FM, 1130 AM, 100.7 FM, 95.7 FM, or 97.3 FM.

On-Site Child Cares and Boys & Girls Club:

- **Two-Hour Morning Delay** - On-Site Child Cares are open. Boys & Girls Club has a two-hour delay.
- **School Canceled** – On-Site Child Cares and Boys & Girls Club are closed.
- **Early Release** – On-Site Child Cares and Boys & Girls Club are closed.
- **After School Activities Canceled** – On-Site Child Cares and Boys & Girls Club stay open (they will attempt to contact parents for early pick-up).

Sincerely,

James Smasal, Superintendent

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