

CCR3 Inclement Weather Procedures

SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

The winter season is upon us. Our administration and staff understand that our decision to open or close schools during inclement weather has a big impact on our families. We also understand that our students are better served – both academically and socially – by being in school. Please know that the safety of our students and staff is always our top priority in any decision of this sort.

HOW DO WE MAKE OUR DECISION?

Please understand that we make the decision to open or close the schools in bad weather based on a careful analysis of all relevant factors, such as:

- Information on road conditions from our transportation staff, local law enforcement and road crews. We must give careful consideration to the most dangerous roads in the district; they can be treacherous even if your street looks clear.
- Amount of snow and ice accumulated
- Whether precipitation will continue throughout the day
- Weather predictions (including those from a weather alert service)
- Building conditions (such as whether they have electricity and heat)
- Parking lot conditions

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

As Superintendent of Schools, I am ultimately responsible for the final decision based on the above factors and recommendations from our transportation staff.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

We strive to make the decision to close by 5:30 a.m. or earlier so we can notify TV stations and post the decision on Schoolway, Twitter and Facebook. Keep in mind that unusual weather conditions may force us to make the decision after this time. Please stay tuned to the media and communication outlets. Although my staff and I do our absolute best in this process, we know that often no perfect decision exists. If you do not feel that it is safe for your child to get to school, use your best judgment whether or not he or she should attend. Also, please discourage teenagers from driving in bad conditions and offer them alternatives as weather conditions worsen.

DISMISSING SCHOOL EARLY?

If conditions get worse during the school day, we may need to have an early dismissal, but we will give as much notice as possible through the previous mentioned stations.

WILL WE HAVE A TWO-HOUR DELAY?

If inclement weather strikes late at night and clears by early morning, it is possible that school could start an hour or two later to allow road crews to clear roads and permit the bus routes to operate. Under this scenario, classes would dismiss at their regular times in the afternoon. Area TV stations and social media outlets would carry public notification of such a change in scheduling.

The school district would use this option with great caution since much confusion would be caused if road conditions did not improve and school had to be canceled after parents made plans for their children based on the premise that school would start later that day. Again, parents should develop plans with their children in the event such a situation occurred.

WILL THERE BE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES?

All after-school student activities and events will be canceled unless stated otherwise.

HOW ARE PARENTS AND THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

Parents will receive a district-alert notification from Schoolway. If you are not signed up, please [click here](#) to do so. The cancellation will also be posted on our Twitter (@plattsburgtiger) and Facebook (Clinton Co. R-III School District) accounts. The following TV channels will also be contacted: KMBC-9, Fox 4, KCTV 5, KSHB TV 41, KQTV 2.

SUMMARY

Parents are urged to visit with their children to ensure that plans are made at home to safely address the various situations described above. Also, parents can obtain the latest school closing or early dismissal information by watching a TV station listed above or visiting our social media outlets. Decisions regarding the cancellation of school can be challenging, but must be made with the safety of our children being of paramount importance. Thank you in advance for your patience as we address the changing road conditions caused by inclement weather this winter.