

**SERIES 700  
SUPPORT SERVICES**

Administrative Guideline 723.1(1)

**COLD WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND DELAYS**

School may be delayed or closed due to extreme cold conditions. Below are guidelines to assist the District Administrator in determining if/when to delay or cancel school as a result of extreme cold.

Wind Chills

If a wind chill advisory is issued, schools would remain in session. If a wind chill warning is issued, school starts would be delayed or closed for the day depending upon the duration of the warning.

If a wind chill warning is in effect from midnight through 8:00 a.m., for example, schools might be delayed for two hours until the warning expired.

If a wind chill warning is in effect from midnight through 12:00 p.m., for example and because early release decisions have to be made by 11:00 a.m., schools may very well be closed for the day.

Air Temperatures

School may be delayed or closed if the air temperature is twenty below zero Fahrenheit (-20F) with calm winds. The decision to delay versus cancel will depend on when/if the forecast projects the temperature rising above this temperature using the same guidelines as identified above for wind chill temperatures.

*Note: The National Weather Service issues wind chill advisories when the wind chill temperature is twenty below zero Fahrenheit (-20F) or colder with winds of at least ten miles per hours. A wind chill warning is issued when the wind chill temperature is thirty-five below zero Fahrenheit (-35F) or colder, with winds of at least ten miles per hour.*

Cross References: 723.1 Emergency School Closings, Dismissals and Delays

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