



Pierce City Public School District: Inclement Weather Information

One of the most difficult decisions that has to be made each winter is the decision of when to cancel school, dismiss early or utilize the “Two-Hour Late Start” procedure. This determination involves consideration of several issues, however, in the end it all comes down to a subjective (but informed) judgment call. Among the factors that are included are current road conditions, current weather conditions, discussions with surrounding schools and the daily forecast from the National Weather Service.

When a decision is made to cancel, delay or dismiss early we will utilize the following communication methods to get the word out as quickly and as efficiently as possible:

- School Messenger calling system
- District smart phone app (SchoolWay)
- District Facebook page
- District twitter account
- District Website
- Springfield and Joplin T.V. stations

The goal is to make these decisions before 6:00 PM on the night before school or before 5:30 AM on the day of school. As soon as the decisions are made we will begin the process of notifying parents and the community. If you are not receiving phone calls from the calling system please contact your child’s building office to make sure we have the correct contact numbers entered into our student information system. If you change numbers during the school year please call the offices to ensure we get the change entered into our system.

In the event of an early dismissal the call an announcement will go out as soon as the decision is made so that you have as much time to plan as possible. We understand the hardship this may place on parents and students so every effort will be made to contact parents to ensure student safety. We would ask that, although every effort will be made to complete the school day, you be prepared for early dismissals on days in which the inclement weather is forecasted during the school day.

If a late-start decision is made, all buses will run two hours later than their normal morning times and school will begin at 10:00 AM, two hours later than the normal start time. Students will begin their classes wherever they would normally be at 10:0, breakfast will not be served and school will dismiss at the normal time. The purpose of the late start day is to allow early morning weather conditions and daylight to improve making traveling safer for the students.