



The Superintendent and the Board of Education hope that school can be open every day; however, to ensure student safety, schools may be closed some days during the school year due to dangerous weather and road conditions.

WHAT CAN THE SUPERINTENDENT DO TO RESPOND TO HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS?

- Close all the schools in the district under extreme conditions. This is a district-wide decision that affects all schools.
- **Delay the opening of all schools by two hours:**
 10:50 a.m. High-Schools
 10:50 a.m. Middle Schools
 10:00 a.m. Elementary Schools, Kdg., ELC's
- **Dismiss schools early** under carefully monitored conditions.

HOW WILL PARENTS AND STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THESE DECISIONS?

- The Superintendent and staff will evaluate weather and road conditions before 5:30 a.m.
- **By 6:00 a.m., information about any closings or delays will be posted on the district website www.ltschools.org, Facebook & Twitter, and shared with the major TV stations and various local radio stations.**
- Listen to the following AM/FM radio or TV stations:
 WRTV-TV Channel 6
 WISH-TV Channel 8
 MyINDY-TV
 WTHR-TV Channel 13
 WXIN-TV Channel 59
 WNDY-UPN
 WQME 98.7
- **Please do not call the radio or TV stations or the schools while waiting for an announcement;** calls will only tie-up telephone lines and delay the announcement from reaching the media. **Neither the website nor the media will announce that schools are open (only that they are delayed or closed).**

WHAT ARE PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES IN "SNOW DAY" SITUATIONS?

- **When school is closed or delayed, parents should make arrangements for child care or supervision.**
- **In some cases, a school delay may be extended to a school closing if conditions worsen.**
 Please check once again with the district website, social media, and radio/television stations before sending your child out for the bus.

EARLY DISMISSAL

- **In rare instances of extreme weather, students may be dismissed from school early.** Parents should make a plan with their children, so children know where to go if school is dismissed early. Early dismissal announcements will be made as early as possible over the radio/TV stations already listed and on the district website and social media.

EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

- If **school is closed** for extreme conditions, **all Before/After Care sites will be closed**, as well. However, if school is **delayed**, **all Before and After Care Sites will be open as usual. If there is an early dismissal, Before/After Care parents should be encouraged to pick up their children prior to 6 p.m.**
- Of course, parents always have the responsibility to decide if conditions are safe for their children. Decisions about whether to keep schools open, have a two-hour delay, or close schools are made based on the conditions of the majority of streets and roads and may not reflect specific conditions at a particular residence.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PARENTS DECIDE TO KEEP CHILDREN HOME DURING CERTAIN WEATHER CONDITIONS?

ALTERNATE PROTOCOLS

- **If school is open and a student stays home during days of bad weather (even with parent permission), the student must be recorded as absent in order to comply with state attendance guidelines.**

WILL PROGRAMS AT THE EARLY LEARNING CENTERS MEET WHEN SCHOOL IS DELAYED?

POA & K PROGRAMS

- **If school is delayed (two hours), Early Learning Center Programs will meet as follows:**
Full-day: Begin at 10:00 a.m.
- **All care programs (Before and After Care for POA and Kcare) will be open as usual.**
- **If school is closed for extreme weather ALL programs at the Early Learning Centers will be closed.**

DO SNOW DAYS NEED TO BE MADE UP?

The MSD of Lawrence Township schedules 180 school days per year, as required by Indiana law. Therefore, if schools are closed for the entire day for any reason, the missed days must be made up.