



## Flatonia ISD Inclement Weather Procedures

With cooler temperatures quickly approaching, we want to take a brief moment to review district procedures for communicating information about school schedules, school closures, or delayed start of school due to bad weather.

**Decision Making:** The procedure for making the decision to close schools begins early in the morning when school personnel drive the streets and county roads to check road conditions. Personnel often confer with the weather bureau, police department, and gas and utility companies about forecasts, road conditions, and available energy for heating the buildings. The findings are reported to the superintendent of schools, who makes the final decision to open, close, or delay the start of schools.

When determining whether to close or delay school, the number one variable is “safety”. This is determined if buses can run and our parents and young drivers can make it to school safely when exercising reasonable caution. If one part of our district is icy and cannot be traveled safely, we make the call to delay or cancel even though another part of the district may not have the same dangerous road conditions. As we all know, Texas weather can be patchy and affect many areas differently. We make decisions to close or delay school based on what is happening in Flatonia ISD.

Regarding a “delayed” start, we still must start the bus routes approximately two hours before the delayed start time. Once schools are open for the day, classes are usually held for the entire school day so as to not inconvenience working parents or disrupt the learning environment.

**Notification:** In the event of inclement weather, the decision to open, close, or delay schools will be made no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day in question and communicated as soon as possible to parents/guardians and staff in several ways.

Information about school closures is announced through the following media outlets:

- District Website
- District Automated Phone Notification System
- District and Campus Twitter and Facebook Pages
- TVS - Channels 36 (KXAN), 7 (KTBC), 24 (KVUE)
- Radio Stations – KVLG 1570 AM, KBUK 104.9 FM

**Inclement Weather During the School Day:** When bad weather moves in during the day, the district closely monitors weather reports and road conditions. Please keep in mind that weather conditions can vary greatly within an area/region. Any decision to release students early due to inclement weather will be made with primary consideration for getting all students home safely. Early closure announcements will also be communicated through the above listed media outlets. Parents always have the option to pick their children up at school at any time they feel is necessary.

**After School and Evening Activities:** If school is cancelled or delayed, the assumption will be that we will not hold after-school or evening activities unless otherwise communicated. If conditions improve greatly and an activity is scheduled with another district, the activity may go on as scheduled. If conditions deteriorate during the day or the threat in inclement weather becomes likely, after-school and evening activities may be modified. It is best to stay in contact with the coach or sponsor for changes in schedules and check the website and social media for updates.

**Bad Weather Make-Up Days:** School makeup will be determined based on the amount of instructional time lost due closure or delay of school due to inclement weather. The Flatonia ISD has some flexibility built into our instructional calendar. If the instructional time required by the State of Texas cannot be met, then makeup days are possible.