

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The winter season is upon us. The Winfield R-IV School District understands that our decision to open or close schools in bad weather has a big effect on families. We also understand that our students are better served - both academically and socially - by being in school. But as always, our top priority is the safety of our students. The decision to cancel school will be based upon the following factors:

- Information on road conditions from transportation staff, local law enforcement, Lincoln County Road crews, and MODOT. We must give careful consideration to the most dangerous roads in the district. Even if your street looks clear, travel elsewhere in the district may be dangerous.
- Amount of snow and ice accumulated.
- Whether precipitation is continuing.
- Parking lot conditions.
- Temperature and wind chill.
- Weather predictions. I prefer not make my decision based on weather predictions, which are not always accurate. But sometimes this is unavoidable when the forecast predicts worsening conditions throughout the school day.

I will do my best to make the decision to have or cancel school no later than 5:00 a.m. however there may be situations where this is not possible. The Winfield R-IV School District will announce procedures for inclement weather, including school closings, the use of a snow schedule and early dismissal via the following media: Radio Stations Television Stations KMOX (1120 AM) CHANNEL 2 (KTVI/FOX) KWRE/KFAV (730 AM and 99.9 FM) CHANNEL 4 (KMOV/CBS) CHANNEL 5 (KSDK/NBC) Parents will also receive a voice or text notification through the Gabbart Notification System. This message will be sent to your primary household phone number as listed in our Student Information System. Your caller ID will display the school's main number. Important: The successful delivery of information is dependent upon accurate contact information obtained from school records. If your household and/or emergency contact information changes, please let our school registrar know as soon as possible. Whenever possible, school closing information can also be found on the District web page at [www.winfield.k12.mo.us](http://www.winfield.k12.mo.us) as well as our District Facebook page. If school is cancelled, school buildings and other school facilities will be closed. All extra-curricular school activities, field trips, games, school concerts, school plays, etc. scheduled for that day, as well as meetings, will be canceled.

In the event that school is canceled due to inclement weather, the following days (in order) will be used as make up days if needed: January 21; February 19; April 18; April 22; May 20-24 & May 28.

Serving Every Day with Warrior Pride,

Daniel Williams

Superintendent