Emergency School Closing Due to Inclement Weather

*A district decision will be made no later than 6:15am. School days when there is inclement weather, please don't leave your house prior to 6:15am.

Severe weather sometimes makes it necessary to close school. Families that have registered with the District's School Messenger notification system will receive a phone call, text message and/or email stating that school has been canceled. In addition, the following radio and TV stations along with the district website can be referred to:

District Webpage (Best Location)
District and School Facebook Pages
District/School Twitter Accounts
WHOI TV
WMBD
WEEK TV 25
WYZZ

The decision to close, delay, conduct E-learning, or keep a school open during inclement weather is never taken lightly. The safety of our students, staff, and parents are always in the forefront of our decisions. Factors including snowfall, wind chill, road conditions and more are all taken into consideration.

Because many of our families and staff travel across the school district, any weather delay or closure will apply to the entire school district (unless otherwise indicated).

Weather Information:

- The decision to delay or cancel school is one that we take very seriously with the
 understanding that our goal is to attend school when possible. The safety of our students
 and staff are always the focus. Many factors are considered when making the decision.
 We look at the forecast of all of the major weather services. Accuweather and the
 National Weather Service are the most accurate. www.weather.gov
- 2. Windchill Information:
 - a. We use the most local readings in order to gather the most relevant information for the district
 - b. National Weather Wind Chill Chart- See Link
 - i. Frostbite can become a real possibility after as little as 10 minutes in certain instances. This can be an issue for students waiting for buses or walking to school. From the national weather service information, the risk of frostbite at around 20 mins would be around -20. This is the number we use to determine late start or to cancel school.

When there is a closure or an E-learning day due to Inclement Weather

When the Midland School District is closed due to weather conditions, all schools and buildings are closed.. Athletic competitions will be canceled based upon individual considerations

between Midland School District and the opposing school district. Practices will be determine by Midland Administration.

*Please see our <u>E-Learning Plan</u>

When there is a 2 hour delay

When Midland School District is on a 2 hour delay, all schools begin 2 hours after regular start times. Bus routes are also delayed by 2 hours, so students should plan to be two hours later than normal. During a delay, the morning preschool program is canceled. Afternoon preschool will start at the normal time. (For example- If I normally leave my house to catch the bus at 7:35am, the 2-hour delay would be 9:35am) The Kindergarten program operates on a 2 hour delay. Dismissal times remain the same.

Early Dismissal due to Inclement Weather

Early dismissal may occur because of weather conditions that may result in unsafe road conditions during normal dismissal times. The decision to dismiss school early will be made approximately two hours before the early dismissal time, whenever possible. In all weather-related instances, notifications will be communicated to parents/guardians. All practices are canceled when school is dismissed early.