

# Weather/Calamity Day Information

The return of winter reminds us of what living in the “snow belt” is all about. Frigid temperatures, snow, wind and icy road conditions are all a part of winter life in Madison. When these conditions become a hazard for students and staff, they can also cause school to be closed.

Of all the decisions I have to make, whether or not to close school is one of the most difficult. Whatever the decision, there will be those who disagree with it.

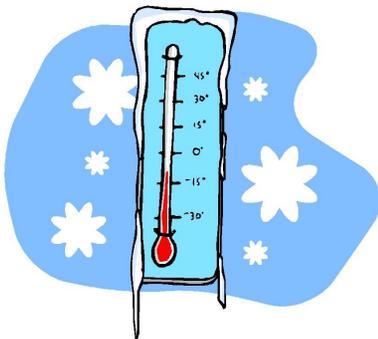
If possible, I will make the decision to close school the evening prior to the day that school will be closed. Usually, however, decisions cannot be made until early morning. I try to make a final decision by no later than 6:00 a.m. If you don't hear a news report, or receive a phone call or text message from Infinite Campus, you should assume that school will be in session. Also check the District website at [www.madisonschools.net](http://www.madisonschools.net). **Please log into your Infinite Campus account and be sure your phone numbers are correct so that you will receive these important calls and text messages.**

When I decide to close school, in addition to sending the **Infinite Campus phone call and text message**, I will also notify the following:

**TV5 WEWS \* FOX8 TV \* TV 3 WKYC \* TV 19 WOIO  
(also covers a broad range of affiliated channels)  
WKKY 104.7 FM \* WFUN/WREO 97 AM/FM \* WZPP 102 FM \* WTAM 100 AM**

Over 25 participating media and sister stations also receive notification through these contacts. The school district also has plans for delayed school opening and early dismissal when weather conditions require and abbreviated school day. I am reluctant to use them, however, because many parents work or make plans around the scheduled times their children are safely at school. If you have not yet done so, please arrange plans with your children for what they should do in case of delayed school openings or early dismissals.

On days there is school, but weather is not good, please show courtesy to our bus drivers. Driving in the winter can make you tense enough, but try it sometime with 60 children aboard. Cooperating with the drivers on the road and having your child ready on time at the bus stop is really appreciated. When school is closed, so are all school district activities, this would include our Latchkey Program. If the school day has already started and an emergency early dismissal is arranged, Latchkey will start early services for students who normally attend the program. If an event is scheduled for that day, listen to news reports to see if it has been cancelled. I may allow practices and events on snow days, but only if road conditions have significantly improved during the day.



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