



District 34 Inclement Weather Information

District 34 puts student safety first, which is why the district takes several factors into consideration when determining whether to close schools due to extreme weather. The following are factors that will be considered when making school closure decisions.

School May Be Cancelled If:

- The late news forecast (10 p.m.) for 6 a.m. the next day predicts a wind chill BELOW -25 degrees.
- OR**
- An actual air temperature of negative double digits with air temperatures colder than -10 degrees.

Other Considerations:

- Is there blowing snow with winds greater than 20 miles per hour which reduces visibility?
- Is there or will there be a heavy accumulation of snow, especially during the typical travel times to and from school?
- Are streets and sidewalks passable?
- Are buses able to safely travel due to extreme cold or unplowed streets?
- Are there power or phone outages?

Timeline for Communication:

- The district intends to make a school closure decision by 5 a.m. or by 9:00 p.m. the night before if weather predictions are overwhelmingly consistent with our cancellation considerations.
- All after-school activities in the district, including sports and evening events, will also be cancelled on days when school is cancelled; unless otherwise communicated.
- On days when school has already begun, and conditions appear to be worsening; the district will decide by 1 p.m. whether after-school activities will be cancelled for that day.

Communication Method Options:

- D34 will communicate with families through its SwiftReach system using any or all of the following formats: phone call, text or email. (Please make sure your contact information is current in PowerSchool as the system will utilize the information in the PowerSchool database. If assistance is needed, contact your child's school.)
- Check the D34 website (<http://www.antioch34.com>)
- Access the public website at <http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com/complete.html>.
- Listen to WGN Radio 720-AM, WBBM Radio 780-AM, or watch CBS Ch. 2, NBC Ch. 5, ABC CH. 7, FOX 32, WGN-TV Ch. 9 or CLTV cable for closing information.

In the event of an unexpected early dismissal, no child will be sent home until such contact is made and a safe place for the child to go to is identified. Without such contact and assurance, children will be kept at their home school or at another district school until normal dismissal time.

If school is not cancelled and a parent and/or guardian feel his/her child is safer at home, they reserve the right to keep them home. Keeping a child home due to weather will be recorded as an excused absence on the student's record so long as the parent and/or guardian reports the absence in a timely manner and indicates that "weather" is the reason for the absence.