

SNOW DAYS AND SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

The decision to cancel or delay school because of inclement weather is a topic of interest to parents as winter approaches.

The District considers five factors when determining whether or not to cancel school due to weather. The five factors are:

1. Visibility
2. Temperature
3. Wind
4. Amount of snow
5. Road conditions

When the weather forecast predicts heavy snowfall, the School District directs individuals in each attendance area to check the routes at least an hour before the buses run. The District is also in contact with highway road crews and the local dispatch center. Generally, the decision to close schools must be made no later than 6:00 a.m. by superintendent or designee. If school is not closed District-wide, a driver who determines that conditions do not allow him to safely start or continue a route may discontinue the run after consultation with bus supervisor. If a specific route is canceled, the schools will be informed immediately. If this is the situation, the District will announce on automated notification, the District website and local media that there is a specific route canceled.

The District will make every attempt to carry on with a regular school day as long as it is determined that this can be done safely. However, the final decision for student attendance rests with the parent(s). If a parent(s) believes that travel to school presents an unacceptable level of risk, the parent(s) may keep the student(s) home with proper notification to the school. The student(s) will receive no penalty; all work can be made up and attendance points will be given.

There may be times when the weather prohibits the school from starting at the regular time because of inclement weather. However, it may be possible to start school at a later time, allowing for crews to clear roads and highways. If this is the situation, the District will announce on automated notification, the District website and local media that there will be a *delayed start* for that particular area.

Delta County School District 50J

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