



## 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 criteria that will be used when making school closure decisions. Invariably, there will be situations that do not fit into the guidelines in which case the administration will do its best to provide cancellation information to families as soon as possible.

### School May Be Cancelled If:

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

### Other Considerations:

- Is there blowing snow with winds greater than 20 miles per hour?
- 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 clear?
- Are buses unable to run due to extreme cold or unplowed streets?
- Are driving conditions hazardous?
- Are there power or phone outages?

### Timeline for Communication:

- As for the more traditional "Snow day," the district intends to make a decision by 5 a.m. If schools are closed, all after-school activities in the district, including sports and evening events, will also be canceled; unless otherwise communicated.
- On days when school has already begun, and conditions appear to be worsening; the district will decide by 1p.m. whether after-school activities will be cancelled for that afternoon.

### Communication Method Options:

- D34 will communicate with families through its PowerAlert 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 canceled 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.