



School District of Milton

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Inclement Weather/School Closings

The School District of Milton takes the decision to close school due to inclement weather conditions very seriously. Many people, agencies, and factors are involved in the decision-making process. When considering closing schools, our priority is the safety of our students and staff.

Weather Warnings / Weather Advisories

Weather conditions are monitored closely through national and local weather services. Local road conditions are assessed to determine the extent to which they will be safe to travel. If it is found that conditions exist that would prevent the safe transport of children to and/or from school, schools will be closed, start late, or be released early.

If the National Weather Service issues a **Winter Storm Warning** during school hours, we will close school. We will not typically close schools during a **Winter Weather Advisory** - unless we hear from local agencies that the roads are not safe for travel.

We would like to stress to our families that no decision of ours regarding travel conditions overrides your judgment as a parent/guardian. **If you believe travel is unsafe for you and/or your student(s), we defer to you to make the best decision for your family based on the circumstances presented.**

Notification Procedures

In case of inclement weather, the School District of Milton will announce school closings as soon as possible. Announcements will be made via phone (text and call), on local media stations, on our district website, and Facebook and X (f.k.a. Twitter) pages.

Regarding Phone and Text Alerts:

- To reach all affected individuals before they depart, school closing notifications may be sent during the early morning hours (prior to 6am).
- With active spam blocks in use on many cell phones, it is possible that district robocalls will register as "Potential Spam" on caller ID. To potentially avoid missing these important calls, **please add 608-868-9377 to your contacts list**. All robocalls from the District will come from this number.

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Announcements regarding closings, late start times, and early release times will also be made on local TV and radio stations.

WISC Channel 3	WCLO 1230 AM
WMTV Channel 15	WWHG 105.9 FM
WKOW Channel 27	WGEZ 101.9 FM
WMSN Channel 47	WBEL 92.3 98.9
WJVL 99.9 FM	WFAW 107.3 FM
WSJY JOY 940 AM	WSLD 104.5 FM

School closings will also be announced on our website (www.milton.k12.wi.us), [Facebook](#) and [X \(f.k.a Twitter\)](#).

Extreme Cold

Our practice is to close schools if the National Weather Service issues a **Wind Chill Warning** (issued when sustained -35 degree wind chills are expected) that occurs during school hours. Schools *typically* will not be closed if there is a Wind Chill Advisory for our area, unless the weather conditions are deemed to be unsafe for students.

Activities

When Milton schools are closed for the day, it also means that all activities scheduled in school buildings for that day/evening are canceled. This includes all 4K classes and all before and after school programs.

Required Instructional Minutes and Asynchronous Learning

In the 2023-2024 school year, the number of days scheduled exceeds the minimum requirement from DPI. For that reason, in the coming winter season the District plans to treat the first two inclement weather cancellations as “traditional” snow days with no instruction taking place. Should we have additional weather cancellations, the District will communicate to families the expectations for virtual instruction.