



## 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 individuals, agencies, and factors are involved in the decision-making process. The most important consideration in the decision is the safety of our students. Can we safely transport children to and from school?

#### **Extreme Cold/Snow**

We monitor the weather conditions and remain informed about weather forecasts, receiving information from both national and local weather services. If the National Weather Service issues a Winter Storm Warning (different from a Winter Weather Advisory) that occurs during school hours, then 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. County and municipal road crews are contacted to assess road conditions and the extent to which they will be safe to travel at the times students are to be transported. If plows are able to have snow removed from the majority of bus routes, and there is no concern for high winds or a rate of snowfall that would prohibit keeping the roads clear, then buses can operate safely. Few vehicles are safer than buses with professional drivers in winter driving conditions. If it is determined we cannot safely transport children to and/or from school, then schools will be closed or released early.

Our general practice is to close schools if the National Weather Service issues a Wind Chill Warning (when sustained -35 degree wind chills are expected) during school hours and/or significant snowfall and/or ice accumulation or other precipitation that presents hazardous travel conditions exists. 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.

While our district staff has the responsibility to close school due to weather, no decision of ours overrides your judgment as a parent or guardian. By no means are the decisions meant to take authority away from families if they feel individual circumstances may be different for them. 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.

In the end, please rest assured that the ability to safely transport all of our students to and from school is the primary determinant for closing school. That decision is made with input from many professionals who are committed to the safety of our students - a responsibility that is not taken lightly.

### **Notification Procedures**

In case of inclement weather, the School District of Milton will announce school closings as soon as possible. We will notify parents by a School Messenger phone call and emergency text alert. Announcements will be made on local TV and radio stations listed below. School closings will also be available on our website at [www.milton.k12.wi.us](http://www.milton.k12.wi.us) , [our Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#).

### **Radio/TV Stations**

In case of inclement weather or an emergency, the School District of Milton will announce school closings, late start times, and early release times on the following radio and TV stations:

WISC Channel 3	WCLO 1230 AM
WMTV Channel 15	WSJY 107.3 FM
WKOW Channel 27	WSLD 104.5 FM
WJVL 99.9 FM	WKPO 105.9 FM

### **Activities**

Please note that when Milton schools are closed for the day due to inclement weather, it also means that all activities scheduled in school buildings for that day/evening are cancelled. This includes MECAS, all 4K classes and all after our before and/or after school programs as well as any community programming scheduled to take place in our buildings that day/evening.