School District of Milton

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Inclement Weather/School Closings Information
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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 safety of our students is the most important consideration in the decision to delay or close schools.

To ensure that you are informed of school closings or delays, it is essential that we have accurate contact information in the Skyward Family Access system. Families should be sure to check their contact information in the Skyward system. The Skyward login can be found at https://www.milton.k12.wi.us/families/Family_Access.cfm

Extreme Cold/Hazardous Travel Conditions

We closely monitor weather conditions and forecasts, receiving information from both national and local weather services. Last fall, the National Weather Service (NWS) made a nationwide change to their hazardous winter weather terms. The revised system consolidates winter weather alerts into either a Cold Weather Advisory; an Extreme Cold Watch or Warning; or, a Freeze Watch or Warning.Wind chill is taken into account for the various levels.

Last year, the NWS also changed the level when they issue an *Extreme Cold Watch or Warning*, moving from the previous -35°F to the new threshold of -30°F for our region. Our general practice is to close schools if this threshold is reached during school hours or when significant snowfall and/or ice accumulation, or other precipitation presents hazardous travel conditions.

As a District, we evaluate many different factors to determine if we will close, or not close, our schools. Our decision to keep schools open does not override your judgement as a parent or guardian.

If you believe travel is unsafe for your student(s), we defer to you to make the best decision for your family based on the circumstances presented. Please contact the school if you choose to excuse your child for the day due to inclement weather. The absence will be treated the same as other excused absences.

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. This responsibility is not taken lightly.

Notification Procedures

In the case of inclement weather, the School District of Milton will announce school closings as soon as possible. We will notify parents by an automated phone call and text alert. Announcements will be made on the local TV and radio stations listed below. School closings will also be available on our website at www.milton.k12.wi.us, our Facebook page and Instagram 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	WJVL 99.9 FM
WMTV Channel 15	WSJY 107.3 FM	WKPO 105.9 FM
WKOW Channel 27	WSLD 104.5 FM	WFAW 940 AM
	WGEZ 101.9 FM	WBEL 92.3/98.9 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 schools for that day/evening are canceled. This includes Milton Achieve; 4K classes; before- or after-school programs; as well as community programming scheduled to take place in our buildings that day/evening. On very rare occasions where the conditions have cleared later in the day, evening events may take place at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Virtual Learning on Days with Weather Cancellation

All school districts in Wisconsin have a required number of instructional minutes to meet annually. With this year's instructional calendar, we have multiple days of instructional time beyond the required number of minutes. **For this reason, the first two days of weather cancellations would not have virtual instruction taking place that day.** If there are more than two days with a weather cancellation this year, the District would determine whether the missed instructional time would need to be made up at a later date, or whether virtual instruction would take place on the canceled day. On any day with a weather cancellation, information will be available on our website and social media regarding instruction for that day.

During any weather cancellation, including days when school is held virtually, no onsite instruction will take place. No school buses will run. No school meals will be served or delivered.