

Sunman-Dearborn Community Schools will utilize a delay and/or cancel school in case of inclement weather. Delays enable us to have more time to assess weather conditions. Typically, we will delay if road conditions are deemed hazardous or if wind chills are severe. Every effort will be made to inform parents of school delays or closing decisions via designated media and/or School Messenger by 6:30 A.M. Please monitor local radio and television stations for weather related announcements - do not contact your child's school. Telephone lines need to be kept open for emergency situations.

Make arrangements for your children in the event that delays and cancellations occur. YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US.

School Closings:

- No classes will meet.
- Schools will not be open to students.
- Middle School practices, games and extra-curricular activities will be canceled.
- High School extra-curricular activities will be canceled.
- High School afternoon practices and games will be canceled based on road conditions. A decision will be made by 11:00 AM and communicated by your child's coach.
- School closings are made on a day-by-day basis subject to weather conditions. Please listen to the radio or watch TV each morning during periods of expected bad weather conditions.

Two Hour Delays:

A two hour weather related delay will provide more daylight, allow additional time for road conditions to improve, and will provide school officials with extra time to monitor changing weather conditions. In severe weather, a two hour delay may be changed to a school closing. Parents should make plans for supervision of their children during a two hour delay and also have an alternative plan in the event a decision is made to close schools. Buses will arrive two hours later than normal schedule at the schools.

Early Dismissals:

Early dismissals will be utilized at times when weather conditions become so severe that it is in the best interest of student safety to close school before the normal end of the school day. Early dismissal decisions will be made as soon as possible in the afternoon to allow bus drivers sufficient time to prepare to run their routes. In periods of severe weather, please monitor radio and television to receive notification of early dismissal. School Messenger will also be utilized to inform parents of early dismissals.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Who makes the decision about school delays and closings?

A: Except in the case of an emergency, the determination to delay or cancel school will be made by the Superintendent. Decisions to delay or close will be based upon information provided by the Director of Support Services and other school officials who will monitor weather and road conditions in various geographic areas of the school district. Weather conditions and road conditions will be observed beginning as early as 4:30 A.M. each school day in order to make the best possible decisions regarding student safety. Other sources of information that contribute to the decision-making process are the Indiana State Police, the Dearborn and Ripley County Sheriff Departments, the Dearborn and Ripley County Highway Departments, and the Indiana Highway Department.

Q: How are parents notified of weather related delays, early dismissals, or school closings?

A: Every effort will be made to make a decision by 6:00 A.M. each school day. Designated media will be contacted as early as possible. If a school delay is announced, parents should continue to monitor news media in the event that weather conditions worsen and a school closing is announced at a later time. Please listen to the media for weather announcements and keep current telephone numbers up-to-date for the School Messenger system. **DO NOT CALL YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL FOR WEATHER RELATED INFORMATION.**

Q: If school is closed, will there be athletic practices and extra-curricular activities?

A: When schools are officially closed, athletic practices, games or extra-curricular activities will be canceled unless authorization for a specific activity is given by the superintendent. The school principal will communicate any approved exceptions to the appropriate teachers, coaches or staff members, who will contact parents. School principals, athletic director and coaches will advise parents when practices, games, and activities are rescheduled.

Q: In severe weather conditions, may parents make a decision regarding school attendance for their child(ren)?

A: It is ultimately your decision as a parent to determine whether or not your children are safe. If the situation appears to be very dangerous, it is up to you to exercise good judgment and determine whether or not to send your child to school. If you do keep your child at home, please call the school explaining the problem. The school will consider your child excused from school.

Q: How does a one or two hour weather delay affect the preschool and kindergarten schedules?

A: All morning preschool and kindergarten classes are cancelled.

Q: What time must students report to classes on a regular schedule?

A: Building Hours of Operation (Student Attendance)

East Central High School - 8:12 A.M. to 2:54 P.M.

Sunman-Dearborn Middle School - 8:12 A.M. to 2:55 P.M.

Bright Elementary School - 8:00 A.M. to 3:10/3:30 P.M.

North Dearborn Elementary School - 8:05 A.M. to 3:14 P.M.

Sunman Elementary School - 8:10 A.M. to 2:55/3:20 P.M.