

# Extreme Cold Response Plans

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## Extreme Cold Warning

**School will be canceled, or an E-Learning Day will be implemented under the condition of a Extreme Cold Warning.** An Extreme Cold Warning indicates that life-threatening conditions and a risk of safety exists. Measures should be taken to safeguard life and property immediately. An Extreme Cold Warning is typically issued when the wind-chill will be -25°F or colder and the winds are greater than or equal to

10 mph OR the actual temperature is -15°F. However, we will follow guidance provided by the NWS.

### **Extreme Cold School Closure Day: Extreme Cold Warning**

- Classes will be canceled or an E-Learning Day will be implemented
- All notification systems will be leveraged to send school cancellation communications to students and families
- Extracurricular activities will be suspended

## Extreme Cold Advisory

An Extreme Cold Advisory is issued when conditions do not meet the Extreme Cold Warning criteria but still cause significant inconvenience. The weather during an Extreme Cold Advisory is not life-threatening but presents conditions that may result in inconveniences or pose moderate risk to safety. An Extreme Cold Advisory is typically issued when the wind chill is -15°F or colder AND the winds are greater or equal

to 10 mph. However, we will follow guidance provided by the NWS.

### **Extreme Cold Action Day: Extreme Cold Advisory**

#### *Before School*

- Schools will be open and student attendance is expected
- Buses will pick up all student walkers regardless of route assignment, by parent request
- Fire and Police will be notified prior to the start of the school day of the Extreme Cold Response designation

#### *During School*

- School administrators will be given authority to keep students in the building in the event of a fire alarm and will relocate students to a safe location within the building. In the event of an evacuation, administrators will institute parallel evacuation protocols to return students to a safe interior location
- All off-campus activities will be suspended (this includes but is not limited to: all off-site daytime programs, field trips and work programs)
- Scheduled student transports between buildings will be assessed
- All outside student activities will be suspended
- All lab-based activities that have the potential to cause fire or smoke alarm activation will be reevaluated or rescheduled. Communication and coordination with the impacted departments will be conducted by building administration
- Students will be allowed to keep outerwear with them while in the building
- Schools will make announcements to provide access to donated outerwear to all students

#### *After School*

- Extracurricular activities will be evaluated and may be suspended if conditions persist



# Snow Response Guidance

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## Snow



There are no specific guidelines for snow. It really requires several parties to come together to discuss the road conditions to determine if it is safe for students, staff and our service contractors to travel to and from school.

Buses run routes from approximately 6:45am - 7:30am (Tues-Fri) and 7:54am - 8:40am on Mondays

If the snow is expected to stop near the start time of the buses and the roads are in the process of being cleared by plow drivers, consider a delayed start (2 hours).



### Service Contractors and Other Area Superintendent Considerations

- Transportation Company
  - How is the bus lot?
  - Are buses running?
  - Any concerns with the roads?
  - Any concerns on drivers making it to the bus lot? (
- Food Service Company
  - Will staff make it in to begin serving food? (approx. start around 6:30am)
- Superintendents
  - What are our feeder District's (4, 44, & 48) plans?
  - What are our surrounding area high schools plans?
  - When will they begin making their decisions?



### Additional Considerations

- Township Plow Driver
  - Consider a "Meet and Greet" at the start of the season
  - How many routes are they running, provide them our schedule and timeline for making decision for school, gather their contact information (cell #s), ask permission to contact them between 3am-4am to get a status of the roads and how the snow is moving.

