COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

Inclement Weather

Guide to Snow Days and Weather Related School Cancellations



When School Closings Are Necessary

When it is necessary to close schools or the arrival/dismissal time is changed due to severe weather the status of CCSD 46 facilities will be updated here:

www.d46.org

CCSD 46 will post closing information on the district website as well as social media channels

www.emergencyclosingcenter.com

Check the Emergency Closing Center website for information. We are listed as **DIST #46 (Grayslake Elementary Schools)**. You may also sign up for email notifications.

Local Media:

AM Radio: WGN 720, WBBM 780
FM Radio: WXLC 102.3, WIIL (95.1)
TV: CBS 2, NBC 5, ABC 7, WGN 9, FOX, and CLTV



Student and Staff Safety First

CCSD 46 puts student and staff safety first, which is why the district takes several factors into consideration when determining whether to close schools due to extreme weather. The following are some criteria that are used when making school closure decisions. Invariably, there will be situations that do not fit into these guidelines in which case the administration will do its best to provide cancellation information to families as soon as possible.

Considerations for Closing Schools

Cold Days

The 10:00 PM evening news weather forecast predicts wind chills below -30 degrees for the following school day

Snow Days

Heavy snow or icy conditions overnight

Heavy snow or icy conditions that continue or worsen during the day

Other Considerations

Blowing snow, winds greater than 20mph

Heavy accumulation of snow, especially during typical travel times

Status of streets and sidewalks

Whether buses are unable to run due to extreme cold or unplowed streets

Hazardous driving conditions

Power or phone outages

Late start option





If schools are closed…

CCSD 46 Administration will do its best to provide cancellation information to families as soon as possible.

CCSD 46 will notify families by 5:00 AM when schools will be closed due to extreme cold or snow. There may also be times when a remote e-Learning Day will be called instead of full school closure. The district makes every effort to notify parents as soon as possible. If schools are closed for the day all after-school activities in the district, including sports and evening events, will also be cancelled unless otherwise communicated.

If school is already in session and conditions begin or continue to worsen, the district will decide by 1:00 PM whether after-school activities will be cancelled for that afternoon.

If schools are not closed…

If school **is not** cancelled and a parent and/or guardian feel that his or her child is safer at home, they may reserve the right to keep them at home. Keeping a child home due to weather will be recorded as an excused absence on the student's record as long as the parent and/or guardian reports the absence to the school in a timely manner.

How is the decision to cancel school made?

Superintendents from area districts start communicating with each other as soon as the weather reports start to look threatening. The superintendents generally try to reach a consensus on school closures. Several districts share bus services or house students from communities across the county. Discussing the decision to close schools with each other is also helpful in considering all of the scenarios and possible outcomes.

For questions or concerns related to CCSD 46's emergency closings or inclement weather guide, please contact Dr. Alfonso Carmona, Superintendent of Schools.



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