

# School Closing Procedures



Kenosha Unified School District (KUSD) puts student safety first when determining whether to close schools due to extreme weather. Several factors are taken into consideration, including:

- ❄ Is there a sustained wind chill of  $-34^{\circ}$  or lower? (automatic closure)
- ❄ Is there a sustained temperature of  $-20^{\circ}$  or lower? (automatic closure)
- ❄ Will the wind chill stay that low for an extended period of time?
- ❄ Is there blowing and driving snow with winds of 20 miles per hour?
- ❄ Is there or will there be a heavy accumulation of snow, especially during the typical travel times to and from school?
- ❄ Are streets and sidewalks clear?
- ❄ Are buses unable to run due to extreme cold or unplowed streets?
- ❄ Are driving conditions hazardous?
- ❄ Are there power or phone outages?

In the event our schools are closed or the arrival/dismissal time is changed due to severe weather, an announcement will be made via: local television stations, radio stations, KUSD website ([www.kusd.edu](http://www.kusd.edu)), KUSD Channel 20, [Facebook.com/kenoshaschools](https://www.facebook.com/kenoshaschools), [Twitter.com/KUSD](https://twitter.com/KUSD), 359-SNOW (7669).

If schools are to be closed for the day, KUSD will make every effort to release this information via the aforementioned avenues by 5:30 a.m. If school is closed, all after school activities in the district, including sports and evening events, will also be canceled. Also, when KUSD schools are closed, no transportation will be provided to private and parochial schools.

Please instruct your child in what to do, who to contact, and where to go if school is dismissed early. School personnel will not leave buildings until all students are transported home and walkers are dismissed.

## THREE PROCEDURES TO LOOK/LISTEN FOR

*Unless notified otherwise, Procedure 1 is in effect.*

**Procedure 1:** All schools in KUSD will be open today. Students and personnel are expected to attend.

**Procedure 2:** All schools in KUSD will open two hours late, and buses that transport students will be running approximately two hours late. There will be no AM or PM Early Childhood, Speech Impact or Four-Year-Old Kindergarten classes. Personnel are expected to report as normally scheduled. Dismissal will be at the regular time.

**Procedure 3:** All schools in KUSD will be closed and no students are expected to report. The Senior Citizens Center will be closed. All secretaries should not report to work. The only persons required to report to work today are: full-time custodial employees; full-time food service workers; maintenance personnel; carpenters and painters; warehouse personnel; and administrative, supervisory and technical personnel.

**Special note for CLC:** If schools are closed, the Afterschool programs are closed as well. If a cancellation occurs before 1:00 p.m., CLC sites will not open and staff do not report. If the cancellation occurs after 1:00 p.m. the director at each site reports to the facility and begins calling parents of the Afterschool students stating they are to be picked up by the end of the school day. Directors are not expected to stay beyond school closing hours. Students at the school after dismissal are the school's responsibility.

## INDOOR/OUTDOOR GUIDELINES

1. **General guidelines:**  $10^{\circ}$  and below; wind chill factor of  $0^{\circ}$  or below; and rain/drizzle/blizzard = indoor recess, indoor noon recess, and early entrance to door areas/hallways.

2. **Administrator's responsibilities:** The principal is responsible for the timely implementation of the guidelines; reasonable supervision of students under all circumstances; and informing parents each year of the district's expectations regarding indoor periods due to weather conditions. Student handbooks should contain a statement in this regard.