



# WINTER WEATHER GUIDELINES



When inclement weather occurs, the safety and well-being of our students is always our number one priority. The Logan-Hocking School District follows a specific plan when there is consideration of a school closing, delay, or early dismissal, due to weather conditions.

**CLOSING:** Closings allow students and staff to stay home, as safety is a concern.

**DELAY:** Delays allow time for daylight to hit, temperatures to rise, and roads to be treated, to hopefully improve conditions.

**EARLY DISMISSAL:** Early Dismissals allow students to be sent home, before road conditions worsen.

## HOW DO WE MAKE OUR DECISION?

When weather conditions are challenging, we make the decision to open or close schools based on careful consideration of all relevant factors, such as:

- Data from the National Weather Service, with updates regarding temperature, wind chill, and snow/ice accumulation.
- If temperatures are at or below zero (0°F), or wind chill at -10°F below zero, we will strongly consider a delay, closing or early dismissal.
- Roads are driven, beginning at 3:30am, to determine condition.
- Information from our transportation department regarding any potential issues with the buses.
- Changes to the weather forecast, during the course of the school day, indicating conditions will worsen, could result in an early dismissal.
- Mechanical systems in schools are checked to ensure electricity and heat are working properly.
- District administrators talk with maintenance and custodial staff to check conditions of parking lots and sidewalks.
- Discussions with city, county and state officials about snow removal status and road conditions for neighborhoods and streets that are more challenging, during times of inclement weather.
- Discussions with surrounding school districts.

## WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

The superintendent holds the responsibility of making the final decision to keep schools open, or close schools, during inclement weather. The decision is made based on the factors outlined previously.

## WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

The decision is made as early as possible, generally around 4:30 am, for a delay or cancellation. If a delay is called, and conditions do not improve, a cancellation could then occur.

## HOW DO WE CONTACT PARENTS/GUARDIANS?

Information is posted first on:

**School Website:** <http://www.loganhocking.k12.oh.us/>

**Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/lh\\_emergency](https://twitter.com/lh_emergency)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/LoganHockingSD/>

**School Messenger** phone call to parents/guardians

**Local television and radio stations** (SAM FM, 10TV, etc.)

**\*\*\*We will only make an announcement if schools will be delayed/closed.** An announcement will NOT be made if schools will be open.

## ATHLETICS/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

If school is not in session, all athletic and extra-curricular activities, including practices, may be canceled. Coaches/Advisors will communicate directly with students/parents on the status of their activity.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITY:

The safety of your child is our number one priority. Please encourage your child to dress for the inclement weather and, if applicable, to drive with caution. If your child typically drives to school and you would like them to ride the school bus, please contact the bus garage at (740) 385-7844.

**If schools are not closed, it is ultimately the responsibility of parents and guardians to decide if conditions safely allow for their child to attend school.**

If school is in session and you decide to keep your child home, due to weather conditions, it will count as an absence. In this case, you must contact the school to let them know your child will not be in attendance.