



# **Weather Delays & Cancellation Plan**



### **How does the school district make decisions about delays or closures?**

School district leaders make decisions regarding inclement weather delays or school cancellations in the early morning. When a forecasted storm arrives overnight, members of the district transportation and facilities teams are up early, checking road conditions across the district. They are also communicating with city and county road departments and other school districts in Central Oregon to determine if roads are safe for bus travel.

The decision to cancel school for the day or delay start times is usually made by 5 a.m., before buses begin their routes.

If schools are closed, all after-school activities are also canceled that day.

### **How are decisions communicated?**

Once district leaders make the decision to delay and/or close school, that information is communicated to parents and district staff through the district's automated phone, text, and email system by 5:20 a.m. The news is also shared on the district website, Facebook pages, and through local media outlets.

The district also updates its snowline phone number with the appropriate message for that day. If families miss the auto-dial message, they can call our winter weather hotline and receive the message: (541) 416-4222

School closure/delay messages are removed from the website and Facebook pages at 3 p.m. so there is no confusion for the next day.



### **CCSD's automated phone and email system**

Crook County School District uses an auto-dialer system that calls the phone number and sends an email to each family based on the information provided by parents at their child's school. Please ensure that both your phone number and email are updated. You can verify through ParentVue or by calling the schools.

### **Student safety**

District leaders understand that decisions about school schedules and bus-route changes have an impact on families. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these situations. We know that students and families are best served when schools are open; however, the district's main concern is the safety of students and staff. If you feel that current weather conditions are unsafe, the district respects your decision to keep your child(ren) home for the day. Please remember to call your child's school to report the absence.

For more information about weather delays or closures, please call our District Office: (541) 447-5664.

