



2020-21 WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES

Highlights of the WPS emergency weather safety procedures are noted here. For greater detail, visit the district's website at www.usd259.org/weather.

COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

The Wichita Public Schools does not typically make announcements that school is in session during winter weather events, only when school or activities are cancelled. If there is no announcement, then school is in session.

During bad weather, parents will be kept informed through several channels:

- **ParentLink** – phone, e-mail, text and mobile app notification
- District website – www.usd259.org
- District social media – **Twitter** (@wichitausd259, **Facebook** (/wichitapublicschools) and **Spanish Facebook** (/escuelaspublicasdwichitausd259)
- WPS **mobile app** (for iPhone or Android) and follow district notifications
- Local media

PARENTS:

To receive emergency notifications, make sure your contact information is updated in **ParentVUE** by going online or contacting your child's school.

If you have questions about winter weather procedures or shelter locations at your child's school, please visit with your principal.

OUTDOOR PLAY DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

If bitterly cold winter weather conditions are present during the school day, district weather officials refer to the National Weather Service's Wind-Chill Factor resource located at www.usd259.org/weather and advise building principals on the appropriateness of spending time outdoors for recess or physical education activities.

WEATHER REMOTE LEARNING DAY

Due to a shortened calendar, there will be no school closings due to snow for the 2020-21 school year. Students will learn remotely from home on days the weather conditions would affect the overall safety of students and staff if they were to report in person.

If a Weather Remote Learning Day is declared:

- Whenever possible, based on weather predictions, staff and students will be notified prior to the end of the school day there is a possibility for severe winter weather the following day. The early notification will allow time to prepare for a potential full day of remote learning.
- If winter weather conditions worsen, a decision to transition to a remote learning day will be made no later than 5 a.m. Families will be notified only if a remote learning day is declared.
- Students will learn remotely if a weather learning day is declared:
 - **Elementary:** Students will log into Teams at their school's start time and engage in a full day of remote learning.
 - **Middle & High:** Students will log into Teams and follow the regular school day schedule. If the inclement weather day falls on a Wednesday, secondary schools will follow their remote Wednesday schedule.
- Meals will be available for pick up from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Morris Administrative Center, 903 S. Edgemoor, and the School Service Center's Food Production Center at 3850 N. Hydraulic off 37th St.
- The status of after school and evening activities will be decided based on current weather conditions.

On days when school is in session but conditions deteriorate during the day, the district's weather team will meet in the afternoon to decide the status of after school and evening activities.

If a winter weather event develops while school is in session, early dismissal would occur only during the most extreme conditions.

