

Crosby-Ironton Schools - School Cancellation Information

Each time winter weather is predicted or occurring, our district follows a consistent process to decide whether school should remain open, start late, dismiss early, close for the day, or conduct an electronic learning day (e-learning).

1. The Superintendent & Transportation Director begin by checking road conditions across the district, especially our rural bus routes. We look closely at factors such as accumulating snow, ice, drifting, visibility, and extremely cold temperatures or wind chills.
2. The superintendent is a part of a communication group with ten other District leaders from around the region so that our decisions align with regional safety concerns. Additionally the Superintendent may attend National Weather Service webinars out of Duluth for live updates as applicable, depending on the storm.
3. If weather models provide solid information well in advance, we may choose to use an “Electronic Learning Day”. This allows us to send devices home beforehand, communicate clearly with families, and follow our approved e-learning plan with minimal disruption to learning.
4. When weather develops overnight or early in the morning, we strive to make decisions by 6:00 a.m. for a closure or late start. For early dismissals, we aim for 11:10 a.m. to allow for a 1:10 p.m. release when possible or earlier depending on conditions.
5. In some situations, conditions may require us to close schools entirely. If that occurs, we will make up the missed day at a date to be determined based on the school calendar and state requirements.
6. Once a decision is made, the Superintendent (or, when absent, the building principals working with the Director of Transportation) notifies families and staff through the Thrillshare App, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and contacts on local radio and television stations, including WJYY, KTIG, KLKS, and WCCO, KSTP, FOX 9, and KARE 11.
7. Above all, our goal is to ensure student and staff safety while providing timely, consistent, and clear communication to our community.