



Maple Lake Public Schools Winter Weather Plan



Minnesota weather can be challenging even on the best days. When the weather is at its worst we are working to make decisions that protect our students.

Many factors go into predicting Minnesota's unpredictable weather. The Superintendent consults weather officials, area Superintendents, and the transportation department.

We appreciate your support of our district, teachers, and bus drivers.

Cold Day: Late start or school closing due to extreme temperature or wind chill.	If weather temperature / wind chill are likely extreme, Maple Lake Public Schools will make every effort to notify families the night before a 2-hour delay. We continually monitor the National Weather Service (https://www.weather.gov/) for forecasts of extreme wind chills/air temperature for 6:00 am the following day as well as sustained temps throughout the day.
Snow Day: Late start or school closing due to snow accumulation and/or hazardous driving conditions.	Maple Lake Public Schools If heavy snow, icy road conditions and/ or wind factors make it hazardous or impossible for school buses to travel their routes and for staff and students to arrive at school safely, school will be delayed or cancelled. Every effort will be made to make these decisions by 5:30 am the morning of the delay or cancellation, however quickly changing weather could influence decisions up to 6:00 am.
Early Dismissals: Closing school early and cancelling after school activities due to worsening weather conditions.	The weather is continuously monitored when there is the potential for it to become hazardous. Decisions are made as soon as possible and dismissal times are based on the ability of buses to safely deliver students and return to the bus garage. We continually monitor the National Weather Service (https://www.weather.gov/) for forecasts of extreme wind chills/air temperature for 6:00 am the following day as well as sustained temps throughout the day.
After-School Activities: Cancelling after-school activities due to worsening weather conditions.	All after-school activities are cancelled when there is an early dismissal. Decisions to cancel after-school activities will be made as soon as possible to ensure proper communication but no later than the end of the student instructional day. There may be circumstances where individual activities are cancelled. There may be instances when the weather clears and activities are held even though school was cancelled. Every effort of proper communication will be made each time.