

Oscoda Area Schools
“Questionable Weather Days: It’s a Parent’s Choice”
2007-08 School Year

Students need to be in school every day to learn. That is most important!

However, when the weather becomes a possible threat to your child’s health and safety (for example, severe cold temperatures, snow, high winds, or other related storm conditions), it is your parental responsibility to act on their behalf and make the decision to send the child (ren) to school that day or to keep them home. If you choose to keep your child (ren) home, a note sent with them to school the next day is required so the missed day can be counted as an excused absence. Students are expected to make up the missed homework.

As you know weather conditions can vary greatly within our 375 square mile school district. Please realize that conditions may change between 4:45 a.m. when the decision is made to either delay the start of school or to cancel classes and then during the course of the school day. We try to dismiss early when the weather worsens, but we must handle each storm on a case-by-case basis. If the decision is made to close school once the day has begun, it needs to be done before noon. It takes time for all of the drivers to report to work and then time to get the students from school to home. Sometimes it is safer to keep students in school if a morning storm develops after their arrival so that snow removal equipment has time to clear the roads.

Our standard practice will be to include Glennie Elementary School in our decision-making process, but there may be a limited number of times when weather patterns dictate special consideration for that area.

The care and safety of children is our **highest priority**. If ever doubt exists, we look at safety as the top concern.

Delay the Start of School
One (1) to Two (2) Hours:

Some days it may be necessary to delay the start of school by one (1) to two (2) hours.

What does this mean to your child(ren)? If for example, your child(ren) normally catch the bus at 7:15 a.m., on a two (2) hour delay the school bus should arrive at 9:15 a.m. With bad road conditions though, the busses may be running a little late. Don’t panic -- the school bus will be there!

Students will be dismissed at their normal time -- we do not keep them two (2) hours longer at the end of the school day!

Always keep an ear to either the local radio stations or television stations. We will notify them immediately should any changes occur. Whether the decision is made to cancel school for the whole day or delay the start of school, the announcement will come via the radio stations and television stations. The following radio stations are notified: WIOS, WKJC, WQLB (B-Rock), WHNN (Oldies 96), 107.7 The Bay, 99.9 The Wave, WATZ (Alpena), WHST (Northern Christian Radio), WWTH Thunder Country 100.7 and WCMU (National Public Radio). The television stations which are notified: WNEM News 5 (Cable Channel 7), WBKB Channel 11 (Cable Channel 11), WJRT Channel 12 (Cable Channel 12), and WEYI Channel 25 (Cable Channel 10).

Please do not call the schools so that the phone lines remain open for emergency calls.

Thank you!

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