



Inclement Weather Policy

How does Valley View Public School District (VVSD) determine whether to close or delay school when inclement weather is predicted?

The superintendent has the responsibility of whether to close or delay school or release students early when inclement weather is predicted. Members of the transportation and maintenance staff are assigned to check the roads and weather conditions throughout the district.

When predicted inclement weather threatens to make road conditions unsafe for school bus travel, the staff members take into consideration all reports received regarding road conditions, reviews radar images, consulting with the local branch of the National Weather Service and makes one of the following recommendations to the Superintendent;

1. school opens at the normal time,
2. school will be closed early, or
3. school will not open for that day

The decision to close or delay school, including how long to delay, will be announced to the media, notification to parents/guardians and district staff via Parentlink rapid telephone notification system and on the radio/ and television stations, posted on the VVSD Web page (www.vvsd.org) not later than 5:30 a.m. by the **Superintendent**. ***If school opens at the normal time, an announcement will not be made. Therefore, no announcement in the media indicates that school will operate on a normal schedule.*** If inclement weather occurs after the school day has begun, a decision regarding early release will be made as quickly as possible.

If schools close for the day, road conditions will be reviewed again that afternoon and observations reported in time for the evening news. If road conditions are not likely to improve before the next morning, school will be canceled.

Notification will be announced to the media in time for the 6:00 p.m. evening news reports, posted on the VVSD Web page (www.vvsd.org) and via Parentlink phone message system to all parents/guardians and VVSD staff. If the afternoon review finds that school is a possibility for the next day, the decision will be deferred until the next morning and the announcement made by 5:30 a.m.

Please Note:

Throughout the winter months pick up times may vary due to traffic conditions, road blocks, or icy streets. Please be patient and have your student ready to avoid more delays. Afternoon storms or heavy accumulations of snow may be cause for an early release schedule from school or cancellation of afternoon programs. Please make sure a parent or guardian is available to receive children when the bus arrives home early on these days. Students living in inaccessible areas or on steep hills may have to make arrangements to meet their bus at a different location, please speak to your driver for these changes. Make sure all your emergency phone numbers or work numbers are updated at your school and the transportation office so we can notify you of any changes or emergencies. The transportation office may be reached by calling (815) 886-6686 6:00AM - 5:30PM or leave a voice message at (815) 886-6686 anytime after hours. We will return your call as soon as possible. You can also contact us via email at earllm@vvsd.org . For bilingual assistance please call 815-886-7586. *Asistencia sobre transportacion bilingue 815-886-7586.*

Extra-Curricular Activities

Elementary

At the Elementary (PK-5) level when activity buses are cancelled district wide or there is an early release due to inclement weather (or other) all after school activities will be cancelled.

- On *early release days* there will be NO After School Care Program.
- On days of *cancelled after school activities* the After School Care program will be held.

PreK and Kindergarten: If school is released early (morning) or cancelled the parents of students in afternoon classes must be informed that school / the afternoon sessions have been cancelled.

Middle School

At the Middle School (6-8) level when activity buses are cancelled district wide or there is an early release due to inclement weather (or other) all after school activities will be cancelled. These activities include but are not limited to detention, various practices, clubs, sporting events, tutoring, misc. programs, etc.

In the event of a whole day district closure due to inclement weather the building Athletic Director may recommend the participation of a team in scheduled competition provided that;

1. the travel conditions / weather at the time of the recommendation is clear and safe.
2. the recommendation is personally made by the Athletic Director to the Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent.
3. the recommendation is received by the Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent by 1:00pm on the day of competition.

High School

At the High School (9-12) level when activity buses are cancelled district wide or there is an early release due to inclement weather (or other) all after school activities will be cancelled. These activities include but are not limited to detention, various practices, clubs, sporting events, tutoring, misc. programs, etc.

In the event of cancelled activity buses or early release due to inclement weather (or other) the building Athletic Director has the discretion to allow for Varsity Athletic Teams (Junior – Senior students) to hold practice. A reminder must be made to the Varsity Athletes that no district transportation will be available.

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2. the recommendation is personally made by the Athletic Director to the Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent.
3. the recommendation is received by the Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent by 1:00pm on the day of competition.

Outside Groups / Park District

1. If a building is closed for the day no outside groups may use the building during that day.
2. If building / district after school activities are cancelled an outside group may use buildings for activities as scheduled.
3. No Outside Groups / Park District may schedule events on district teacher institute days, parent/teacher conference days, or holidays.