



# QSD Inclement Weather Protocols



## School Delays or Closure Due to Weather

When evaluating the possibility of delaying the start of school or closing school altogether, our most important consideration is always safety – we want to ensure that roads are clear enough to allow for the safe travel for all buses, students, parents, and staff. County road crews and law enforcement can be helpful with this determination, but there are a number of other factors that come into play:

- The timing of snow arrival: Will roads crews have time to deal with snow accumulations?
- Rural roads: While city plows may have made roads passable and safe, there are hundreds of miles of rural roads in the Quincy School District, which must be cleared
- How quickly snow is falling: How much snow has fallen? How much snow is predicted?
- Temperature: We account for both current and forecasted temperatures, in addition to wind chill impact.

Please tune in to local radio and television stations for school closure information. Radio and television stations will have information no later than 5:30 a.m. The automated phone system, the district website, and Facebook page will also be used to notify families.

## Inclement Weather Indoor Recess

Indoor recess will be initiated when the temperature drops below 17 degrees, with wind-chill taken into account. Each school will provide for activities and supervision during the indoor recess time.

## Early Closure

Due to the possibility of children coming home to locked houses, we will make every effort not to close schools early. However, under emergency conditions (a blizzard approaching, heating failure at school, etc.) we may need to proceed with early closure. Early closure will be announced on local radio stations and school personnel will attempt to notify parents by phone.

## When Inclement Weather Occurs, Parents Should:

1. Listen to a local radio or television station and check the QSD website and Facebook page.
2. Dress your children warmly: coats, hats, gloves, boots, and snow pants are strongly recommended.
3. Ensure you have alternate child-care and student drop-off/pick-up arrangements in case of late start or an early dismissal.

## Local Radio Stations Television Stations

TV Stations	Radio Stations
KREM 2	KW3 - 103.9/96.7 FM
KXLY 4	KULE - 730AM/92.3 FM
KHQ 6 TV	KWIQ - 1020 AM/100.3 FM
KAYU Fox 28 TV	KBSN - 1470/99.3 FM
	KWLN - 103.3/92.1 FM
	Northwest Public Radio 91.5/90.7 FM