

Inclement Weather and Emergencies

All decisions regarding school closing or early dismissal will be based upon the personal safety of students and employees. The superintendent, or designee, shall be responsible for dismissing school.

All inclement weather announcements concerning school closings, late starts, or early dismissals will be made through the following media:

Television:

KELO LAND TV: <http://closeline.keloland.com>

KSFY TV

Radio:

KKAA

KGIM

KSDN

Dakota Broadcasting (107.7 & 105.5 FM)



Telephone/Email:

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An attempt will be made to announce school closings by 6:30 a.m. or earlier depending on weather forecasting. Parents or guardians have the ultimate authority in making the decision of sending their student(s) to school or keeping them home during adverse weather conditions. If a student is kept at home due to adverse weather conditions, a telephone call to the school principal will allow an excused absence for the missed day of school.

If a decision has been made to have school, some roads may not have been plowed or may be in poor condition. The individual drivers are instructed to turn around if the conditions are unsafe. If part of a bus route cannot be driven, effort will be made by transportation personnel to phone parents so that children will not wait needlessly for a bus that is not coming. When the weather is bad, it is likely that the buses will run late. It is very important that students be dressed for the weather conditions and when the weather is bad, students should not be left alone to wait for the bus.

If weather conditions deteriorate during the school day, it may become necessary to dismiss school early. An early dismissal time will be announced through the previously noted media as soon as the decision has been determined. Parents should be aware of deteriorating weather conditions and listen to the media for early dismissal on days when poor weather conditions are predicted.

It is expected that each student will be able to enter the home when delivered by the bus. Please do not lock your student out of the house on these days. Develop a plan for inclement weather conditions and early dismissal. Parents of bus students who desire to pick up their student(s) on day of early dismissal should do so at the school building and not at the bus exchange area. Parents with special instructions concerning their student(s) on day of early dismissal should state the specific instruction, in writing, to their student's teacher.