



## KSD Inclement Weather FAQ for Parents and Caregivers

### **Why does KSD follow Olathe Public Schools for weather-related delays or closures?**

KSD follows Olathe Public Schools because we are located in Olathe, and most neighboring school districts make similar decisions. This helps ensure consistency and safety for students and families and staff across the area.

### **What is the amount of snow or temperature at which KSD will be cancelled?**

Whether school is delayed or canceled depends on the decision made by Olathe Public Schools (OPS) and KSD Administration. They consider a variety of factors, including temperature, precipitation, wind speed, wind chill, and road and sidewalk conditions. Sometimes announcements are made the night before, and other times early in the morning. Please stay alert for notifications from KSD so you have the most up-to-date information.

### **Will school start later or close early if the weather worsens during the day?**

KSD may implement a delayed start or early dismissal depending on weather conditions. Notifications will be sent via email, text, and our website.

### **How will I be notified of a school closure, delayed start, or early dismissal?**

You'll be notified about school delays or closures through email, text messages, the KSD website and social media, and local news stations in the Kansas City area.

### **Will after-school programs or extracurricular activities still meet during inclement weather?**

Activities may be canceled or rescheduled. Updates will be communicated through the same channels as school closures.

### **If my child is already at school and the weather becomes severe, how will early pickup be handled?**

Parents or those on emergency lists will be contacted and allowed to pick up their child. Safety is our top priority, so please make arrangements in advance if possible.

### **Will meals still be provided if school is closed or delayed?**

Meals will not be provided during closures, except for those who reside in the dorm. During delayed starts, breakfast will not be served.

### **What happens to transportation for students who rely on buses from other districts?**

If your home school district is closed, buses will not run.

**How do weather-related closures affect attendance or makeup days?**

Missed days due to inclement weather may be added to the end of the school year or handled according to the KSD calendar and state guidelines.

**How are decisions made regarding school closures or delays, and who determines them?**

KSD administration makes decisions about delays or closures based on weather reports, safety concerns, and guidance from Olathe Public Schools. We follow OPS procedures to keep all students and staff safe.

**If KSD is in session when deteriorating weather conditions are present, will KSD dismiss students early?**

If school is in session when deteriorating weather conditions are present, regular dismissal time will be observed rather than dismissing students early from school. District administrators are mindful of safety issues such as transportation, particularly for those students who normally ride the bus or are driven to and from school; lack of supervision at home because of an unscheduled dismissal; and the uncertainty of sending children away from a protected school environment and out into hazardous weather conditions.

**Will dorm students remain on campus during inclement weather if KSD is closed?**

Yes. Dorm students will remain on campus as scheduled, and sufficient supervision will be provided to ensure their safety and well-being. This may depend on the school closure announcement. If dorm students are already on campus when inclement weather occurs, they will stay in the dorm, and staff will provide supervision until it is safe for them to leave or be picked up.

**If a bad storm occurs right before or right after the weekend, how will my child get transportation home?**

If a storm occurs before or after the weekend, KSD will follow its scheduled weekend closure. District transportation providers are responsible for communicating directly with parents to arrange early pickup, ensuring students get home safely.