

# KUSD INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

Kenosha Unified School District (KUSD) puts student safety first when determining whether to close schools due to extreme weather. Several factors are taken into consideration, including:

- ➔ Is there a sustained wind chill of  $-34^{\circ}$  or lower? (automatic closure)
- ➔ Is there a sustained temperature of  $-20^{\circ}$  or lower? (automatic closure)
- ➔ Will the wind chill stay that low for an extended period of time?
- ➔ Is there blowing and driving snow with winds of 20 miles per hour?
- ➔ Is there or will there be a heavy accumulation of snow, especially during the typical travel times to and from school?
- ➔ Are streets and sidewalks clear?
- ➔ Are buses unable to run due to extreme cold or unplowed streets?
- ➔ Are driving conditions hazardous?
- ➔ Are there power or phone outages?

In the event our schools are closed or the arrival/dismissal time is changed due to severe weather, an announcement will be made via: local television stations, radio stations, KUSD website ([www.kusd.edu](http://www.kusd.edu)), KUSD Channel 20, [Facebook.com/kenoshaschools](https://www.facebook.com/kenoshaschools), [Twitter.com/KUSD](https://twitter.com/KUSD), 359-SNOW (7669).

If schools are to be closed for the day, KUSD will make every effort to release this information via the aforementioned avenues by 5:30 a.m. If school is closed, all after school activities in the district, including sports and evening events, will also be canceled. Also, when KUSD schools are closed, no transportation will be provided to private and parochial schools.

Please instruct your child in what to do, who to contact, and where to go if school is dismissed early. School personnel will not leave buildings until all students are transported home and walkers are dismissed.

## THREE PROCEDURES

### THREE PROCEDURES TO LOOK/LISTEN FOR

Unless notified otherwise, Procedure 1 is in effect.

#### PROCEDURE 1:

All schools in KUSD will be open today. Students and personnel are expected to attend.

#### PROCEDURE 2:

All schools in KUSD will open two hours late, and buses that transport students will be running approximately two hours late. There will be no AM or PM Early Childhood, Speech Impact or Four-Year-Old Kindergarten classes. Personnel are expected to report as normally scheduled. Dismissal will be at the regular time.

#### PROCEDURE 3:

All schools in KUSD will be closed and no students are expected to report. The Senior Citizen Center will be closed. KUSD employees required to report to work are: full-time custodial employees; full-time food service workers; maintenance personnel; carpenters and painters; warehouse personnel; administrative, supervisory and technical staff. Two potential school closings are built into the academic calendar for: teachers, education support professionals, interpreters, 10-month and 12-month secretaries and miscellaneous employees.

If there are more than two school closings, 10-month secretaries will have the school year extended for the purpose of making up the day(s). Twelve (12) month secretaries, education support professionals, interpreters and miscellaneous employees may report to work, use vacation or personal time, or take unpaid time (deduct).

## INDOOR/OUTDOOR GUIDELINES

### GENERAL GUIDELINES:

$10^{\circ}$  and below; wind chill factor of  $0^{\circ}$  or below; and rain/drizzle/blizzard = indoor recess, indoor noon recess, and early entrance to door areas/hallways.

### ADMINISTRATORS RESPONSIBILITIES:

The principal is responsible for the timely implementation of the guidelines; reasonable supervision of students under all circumstances; and informing parents each year of the district's expectations regarding indoor periods due to weather conditions. Student handbooks should contain a statement in this regard.