



Emergency and Inclement Weather Procedures

YSD1's mass-notification system allows the district to quickly send voice, email and text messages. This system will be used in case of emergencies and inclement weather situations. For example, the system will notify parents of late starts, early releases and emergency closures due to weather or a crisis situation and will be made through School Messenger, local media, our website and Facebook page. Also check the following information mediums for school closure information and updates; radio stations: KNEC 100.9, Kat Country 98.3, KNNG 104.7, BOB 97.5, KRDZ 1440 AM; television stations: NBC Channel 9, Fox 31, CBS Channel 4, ABC Channel 7. School is canceled only during unusual circumstances such as extreme weather, facilities or equipment failure, an environmental hazard or a public crisis that causes a significant safety risk.

Emergency Closure Communications are included as part of your student's electronic registration process. Changes to the information should be submitted promptly to your child(ren)'s school office(s). Up-to-date information is vital in the event of an emergency closure. Please discuss with your child(ren) the process to follow in case of closures.

Emergency Closing/Early Release

Whenever possible, school closure decisions will be made by 5 am the day of or 5 pm the day prior. If it is not possible, an announcement will be made by 5:30 a.m. Early release will be initiated by 1:00 pm at the latest, and an announcement will be made through our mass-notification system.

Late Start: Two-Hour Delay Opening

If weather conditions prevent making a decision regarding school closure by 5:00 am, a two-hour delay may be initiated to allow time for a final determination. All morning bus stop times will run **2 hours later** than the normal scheduled time if weather conditions improve and school is in session. Afternoon routes will run as normal. Breakfast will not be served, but lunch will be provided as usual protocol.

Two-hour delays are effective for all schools and all students for safety measures in getting roads and sidewalks cleared for safer passage. If school will not be held after the two-hour delay, an announcement will be sent through YSD1's mass-notification system and the media.

Do not call the school as YSD1's mass-notification system, website, Facebook, along with all local radio will provide the most accurate, current and consistent information to parents and the community on weather or emergency situations. It is imperative that all district lines are open for vital communications.

Snow/Weather Boundaries

Sometimes the weather can be worse in various parts of the county. When this occurs a weather boundary will be called under the following conditions:

- If it is unsafe to run buses in a rural area. Buses that normally run in the area would not run beyond the designated boundary for both morning and afternoon routes.
- If weather conditions in rural areas warrant a busing cancellation, the mass-notification system will not be used to inform the community. Rather, affected students will be notified via email, text or phone call.
- YSD1 does not bus outside the boundary described on the school district's website during hazardous weather, even when school is in session. Parents living outside of the boundary area who decide to take their children to school during these conditions may be responsible for picking up their children in the afternoon. In the event conditions should improve enough for safe bus operations, parents will be notified.

In bad weather, main roads are cleared first and are usually passable; less traveled roads may be impassable for buses. If rural roads are blocked but main roads open, 'snow route' service is used—buses stop only on main roads with turnaround points. Parents/guardians must bring students to these stops for the full day. Notifications are sent by text, phone, or email, with daily updates as needed. **For emergency contact, call (970) 848-5749.**

Inclement Weather Boundaries

Area 1 (rural) shall incorporate the area of the following described lines:

North: Highway 59 @ County Road 45; Highway 59 @ County Road 54

East: Highway 34 @ Eckley; Highway 34@ Schramm

West: No stops

South: Highway 59 @ County Road 23; Highway 59 @ County Road 30 (East side)

Area 2 is the remaining “town” area of YSD1. In the event District officials initiate inclement weather procedure for area 1 rural, YSD1 buses will continue to run within area 2. This area has been determined based on the District's experience of safely maneuvering large, multi-passenger, 2-wheel-drive buses over public streets to safely transport our students to and from their destinations. The only bus that will run in town is to licensed daycares: CHILDREN'S ACADEMY, JACKIE ON SOUTH ALBANY, HEATHER ON NORTH FIR