

Severe Cold Response Plans

Wind Chill Warning

Schools will be closed under the condition of a wind chill warning. A wind chill warning indicates that life-threatening conditions and a risk to safety exists. Measures should be taken to safeguard life and property immediately. A wind chill warning is typically issued when the wind chill will be -30 degrees Fahrenheit or colder OR the actual air temperature is -15°F .

Wind Chill Advisory

A wind chill advisory is issued when conditions do not meet the wind chill warning criteria but still cause significant inconvenience. The weather during a wind chill advisory is not life threatening but presents conditions that may result in inconveniences or pose moderate risk to safety. A wind chill advisory is typically issued when the wind chill is -20 degrees Fahrenheit or colder.



Severe Cold School Closure: Wind Chill Warning

- Classes will be cancelled and school closure protocols will be instituted
- All notification systems will be leveraged to send school cancellation communications to families
- Extracurricular activities will be suspended while the wind chill warning is in effect

GENERAL RANGE

Wind chills
 -30°F or less
or
Actual air temperature
 -15°F or less

Severe Cold Action: Wind Chill Advisory

- Schools will be open and student attendance is expected
- When safety allows, buses will pick up all student walkers regardless of route assignment
- Fire and Police will be notified prior to the start of the school day of the **Severe Cold Action** designation
- School administrators will be given authority to keep students in the building in the event of a fire alarm and will relocate students to a safe location within the building; in the event of an evacuation, administrators will institute parallel evacuation protocols to return students to a safe interior location
- Extracurricular activities will be evaluated and may be suspended if conditions persist; updates will be posted on each school's website
- All off-campus activities will be suspended (this includes but is not limited to: all off-site daytime programs, field trips, and work programs)
- Scheduled student transports between buildings will be assessed
- All outside student activities will be suspended
- All lab-based activities that have potential to cause fire or smoke alarm activation will be reevaluated or rescheduled; communication and coordination with the impacted departments will be conducted by building administration
- Students will be allowed to keep outerwear with them while in the building
- Schools will make announcements to provide access to donated outerwear to all students



GENERAL RANGE

Wind chills
 -20°F to -29°F
or
Actual air temperature
 -5°F to -14°F

NOTE: The National Weather Service (NWS) will be the meteorological source to determine and declare a wind chill warning or wind chill advisory. <http://www.weather.gov/>

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