



Weather Related Information

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for being a part of our school district. We have had a great start to our school year and I look forward to working together to continue that partnership. It's hard to believe it is that time of year, but with our rapidly changing weather conditions in Minnesota it is necessary to plan for the possibility of closing schools because of inclement weather.

Mankato Area Public Schools utilizes the services of two transportation carriers, serving 3,860 public and nonpublic school students daily. Many bus routes include transfer points and stops at several facilities, which makes our student bus transportation system very complex. Early dismissal announcements will be made before buses are scheduled to depart from schools, as it takes approximately 1-1/2 hours to position the buses for early departure.

School closing and early dismissal notices will be provided on the following websites, radio and television stations, or you can call the District HELP Line at 507-386-4777 for a recorded message.

- www.isd77.org
- katoinfo.com
- KTOE
- KDOG
- KXAC
- KYSM-AM and FM
- KATO
- KXLP
- mankatofreepress.com
- southernminnesotanews.com
- KEEZ
- KMSU
- KRBI
- KMKO
- KRRW
- mankatotimes.com
- keyc.com
- KEYC 12 - TV
- KSTP-TV
- KARE 11-TV
- WCCO Radio and TV
- FOX 9/MY29-TV

You can also obtain information through the following resources:

- Subscribe on Twitter @ISD77MAPS
- Follow on Facebook at: Mankato Area Public Schools
- Subscribe to receive email or text messages at www.isd77.org; click on the "News" button

The following guidelines may be helpful to parents/guardians:

- Given the severity of conditions, parents may wish to meet the bus at the bus stop.
- Families should have an alternate plan in the event buses are unable to return students to their homes.
- Students should always be appropriately dressed for the weather as emergencies may result in dangerous situations.
- Principals will excuse those students whose parents/guardians request to pick up their child(ren) early. Please do not park in bus loading zones or block bus entrances or exits, as the buses must move quickly.
- On inclement weather days when the District decides to have school, parents and guardians should make the final decision as to whether their child(ren) should attempt to attend school. If you do not send your child(ren), please call the school(s) to report the absence. A student who is not in school will be excused but marked as absent. Students will be expected to make up any missed school work.

Safety is a top priority for all of us. I appreciate your support as we continue to work together to navigate our winter. Thank you for your understanding and assistance regarding inclement weather and school closing safety.

Sincerely,

Sheri L. Allen, Ed.D.
Superintendent