



Winter Weather Information 2021-2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The following information is being provided to you as we prepare for another Minnesota winter.

The decision to alter our instructional day due to weather is never made lightly and includes a number of variables, but the center of our decision-making is always the safety of students and staff. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

School closing and early dismissal notices will be provided on the following websites, radio and television stations. There will also be a recorded message on the **District HELP Line at 507-386-4777**.

- www.isd77.org
- katoinfo.com
- KTOE
- KDOG
- KXAC
- KYSM-AM and FM
- KATO
- KXLP
- mankatofreepress.com
- southernminnesotanews.com
- KEEZ
- KMSU
- KRBI
- KMKO
- KRRW
- 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 "News"; click "Bell symbol"

If schools need to dismiss early, announcements will be made well before buses are scheduled to depart from schools. It takes approximately 1 1/2 hours for our transportation providers to prepare for an early departure. When early departures are called, please limit phone calls to your student's school, allowing school personnel to work to ensure a safe and timely end to the instructional day.

The following guidelines are provided for your review and consideration:

- Given the severity of conditions, caregivers 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 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.
- On challenging weather days when school is on-time and in session, parents and guardians make the final decision as to whether their child(ren) will attend school. If you do not send your child(ren), please call the school(s) to report the absence. On these days, student(s) will be excused but marked absent, and students will make up missed school work.

Safety is the top priority for all of us, and the school district appreciates your support as we work together to navigate our winter months.

Sincerely,

Paul Peterson, Ed.D.
Superintendent