

COLD WEATHER

North Dakota winter weather can be very cold. Therefore, dress your children warmly during the winter months. Children must wear a winter jacket, snowpants, mittens or gloves, boots, and a winter hat. Learners must be dressed warmly enough to be comfortable. Taking time to label your child's clothing articles will help them be identified and returned if they are misplaced. *If you are unable to provide winter gear for your child, contact the school and we will do our best to plan for them.

Except in the case of very severe weather, learners will spend 20-30 minutes outside during the noon recess. Guidelines used to judge whether learners will go outside for noon recess are dependent upon the temperature and the wind chill as primary factors. The building administrator may make the decision to have elementary learners in grades K- 5 stay inside before school and/or during recess once the wind chill reaches -5° F. All learners will stay inside before school and/or during recess when the wind chill reaches -15° F. Principals make this determination using the National Weather Service <http://forecast.weather.gov>

According to this index, learners and staff members are safe going outside until the wind chill reaches -15° F.

The index chart the district uses to make these decisions is shown below.

If learners are brought indoors before school starts, they will wait in a designated area for school to begin. Do not bring learners to the school before they can enter the building.

The educational team will work to teach and ensure that our learners are properly dressed when going outside in extreme weather. Learners may be delayed from the typical dismissal time if they are not properly dressed.

Wind (mph)	Temperature (Fahrenheit)																
	35°	30°	25°	20°	15°	10°	5°	0°	-5°	-10°	-15°	-20°	-25°	-30°	-35°	-40°	-45°
0	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
5	31	25	9	13	7	-1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-72
10	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-77
15	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-33	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-81
20	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-41	-47	-53	-60	-66	-74	-84
25	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-87
30	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-89
35	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-28	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-91
40	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-93
45	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93
50	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-89	-95
55	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97
60	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98

	Increasing Danger (Frostbite in 30 min.)
	Heightened Danger (Frostbite in 10 min.)
	Great Danger (Frostbite in 5 min.)

The statements in this document are intended to provide guidance for daily procedures and practices in order to maintain order, efficiency, and continuity amongst our schools.