



Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools

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Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools Winter Weather Closure & Delay Information

Ensuring Safety During the Winter Season

As winter sets in, adverse weather conditions may require adjustments to the school schedule, including delays, closures, or early releases. The safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. Key factors considered in our decisions include road safety, subfreezing temperatures, and local weather conditions such as snow, ice, or freezing fog.

How We Decide

- **Collaboration:** District Transportation officials work closely with City and Adams County road crews.
- **Forecasts:** We monitor National Weather Service updates to anticipate changing conditions.
- **Safety:** We evaluate how weather impacts student travel and community roads.

How to Stay Informed You can find updates through these channels:

- **Official School Facebook Pages:** Lind Elementary School, Ritzville Grade School, Lind-Ritzville Middle School, Lind-Ritzville High School, and Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools.
- **Local Media:** Tune in to local TV and radio stations.
- **Automated Alerts:** Blackboard Alert notifications to parent contact numbers.

We aim to announce delays or closures by **6:00 AM**. If conditions worsen after a delay is announced, we strive to make final decisions about closures by **8:00 AM**.

Note: If you do not receive a message or see announcements, schools are open and operating on schedule.

Specific Information on Delays & Closures

2-Hour Delay:

- **Buses:** Operate on a 2-hour delay.
- **Preschool and Kindergarten:**
 - Ritzville Grade School AM Preschool is canceled. Transitional Kindergarten starts with a 2-hour delay and follows the regular dismissal schedule.
 - Lind Elementary Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten begin with a 2-hour delay and maintain regular dismissal times.

- **Building Openings:** Buildings open at **10:15 AM**, and classes start at **10:30 AM**.

Friday Delays:

- If a delay occurs on a Friday, the school day extends to **3:10 PM** for RGS and LES, and **3:15 PM** for LRMS and LRHS.

Athletics and Activities:

- When schools close for hazardous conditions, all out-of-district transportation, field trips, practices, and events are canceled unless announced otherwise.

Early Releases:

- While rare, an early release may occur due to worsening conditions. Notifications will be sent via Blackboard Alert, and schools will make every effort to contact parents before dismissal.

Important Reminders

- **Make-Up Days:** While delayed starts do not require make-up, canceled days will be rescheduled, typically at the end of the school year.
- **Blackboard Alerts:** Look for "Ritzville School District" or **509-659-1660** on your caller ID. Please avoid calling back to ensure lines remain open for emergencies.
- **Keep Contacts Updated:** Ensure your phone numbers and contact preferences are current with your school office.

Let's work together to ensure safe travels and a productive winter season!

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