



Unified School District of Marshfield

School Closing Guidelines:

Although severe weather conditions are the most common reason for a change of school schedule, other events such as a utility outage could necessitate the cancellation or early dismissal of school.

The over-riding concern in making the decision to close schools is the safety of our students, staff and others in the community. Beyond that, the process becomes more complicated. The fundamental decision is whether students will be safer with school in session or with school closed for the day.

Several factors are considered, including the following:

- Road conditions throughout the square miles that make up our district
- Wind chill, especially if combined with poor roads due to heavy snow or ice, creates the possibility of buses running late and students having to wait longer outdoors
- Finally, the actions of other districts in the area and their observations and experiences of conditions are considered

It is important to remember that weather conditions and geography may vary greatly from district to district.

When severe winter weather occurs, the following steps are taken to examine weather conditions and to decide whether to close schools.

- The Building and Grounds Director drives key roads and consulting with the district transportation contractor to determine road conditions and consults with the Superintendent
- The district maintains contact with a meteorologist from the Great Lakes Weather Service for location specific weather forecasts
- The Building and Grounds Director contacts the Superintendent with information on weather and road conditions

As early as possible, the decision is made to open schools on schedule, cancel for the day, or have an early dismissal.

Information regarding school closings is shared with the public in several ways.

- Parents/guardians, staff, coaches, etc are notified via a phone call and/or text message from our automated messaging system using contact information listed in Skyward
- A notice will be posted on the district website
- TV and Radio stations, WDLB AM-1450, WSAW Channel 7 and WAOW Channel 9, are also notified

In the event of an early dismissal or school closing, after school activities are typically cancelled or rescheduled for a later date. Exceptions would be announced on the district website.

A shared transportation system exists for schools in Marshfield. Therefore, when public schools are closed due to inclement weather, private schools are closed as well.

All parents are encouraged to maintain and/or update contact information in Skyward so that contact information is accurate. Also, every parent is encouraged to know in advance child care arrangements for school cancellation, delayed starts or early dismissal.

Grant Elementary
425 W. Upham Street
Marshfield, WI 54449

Lincoln Elementary
1621 S. Felker Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449

Madison Elementary
510 N. Palmetto Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449

Nasonville Elementary
11044 US Hwy 10
Marshfield, WI 54449

Washington Elementary
1112 W. 11th Street
Marshfield, WI 54449

Marshfield Middle School
900 E. Fourth Street
Marshfield, WI 54449

Marshfield High School
1401 E. Becker Road
Marshfield, WI 54449

Alternative High School
410 W. McMillan St.
Marshfield, WI 54449