



## **MAHOMET-SEYMOUR CUSD #3**

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Winter weather is likely just around the corner! We want to share some information on weather-related school closings so that you can be prepared for the days and months ahead should weather become an issue. Student safety is always our first consideration when it comes to canceling school or events.

Typically, three physical factors impact the decision to close schools – road conditions, temperature, and visibility. Each of these is carefully considered when determining whether conditions are safe enough to have school.

### **E-Learning Days**

We are excited to share our [E-Learning Plan for the 25–26 school year](#).

On E-Learning Days, students should log into Google Classroom and join their class on Google Meet by 9:00 a.m. Attendance will be taken, and participation is required. If absent, students will have one day per E-Learning Day to make up missed work. All materials and assignments will be posted on Google Classroom, and for younger students (K–2), materials may also be emailed to parents.

### **Snow Events**

Snow events are the most common cause for school closings. Factors that are considered when deciding whether or not to cancel school include:

- Accumulation and drifting
- Icing
- Wind speeds
- Temperature
- Road conditions
- Forecast estimates for continued precipitation

When these conditions are impacted, the Superintendent will consult with a number of individuals and departments, including road commissioners, area superintendents, and our transportation department. There is no single rule of thumb for accumulation amounts, as much of the decision depends on blowing and drifting snow and the ability to keep streets clear.

Every effort will be made to make a decision and inform families as quickly as possible, but a decision to cancel school and/or events will typically not be made solely based on a forecast.



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### **Temperature-Related Cancellations**

Extreme temperatures are often a part of our winters. These conditions can impact both students and bus operations. Factors considered when making temperature-related cancellation decisions include:

- Temperature
- Wind
- Duration and timing of cold temperature
- Safe operation of buses/Road Conditions

### **Before/After School Events**

If school is canceled, before-school activities are also canceled. All after-school activities on E-Learning/Snow Days will be decided upon by early afternoon of that day.

### **Parent Responsibility**

Student safety is always our first priority, and we ask for your assistance by dressing students appropriately for the conditions. Please send your children to school with a coat, hat, and gloves.

If you need assistance obtaining winter items, we have extra coats, gloves, and hats available in the district. Please reach out to your building principal if you need help with any of these items.

Our staff will provide E-Learning opportunities during any weather-related school closing. These days will still count as attendance days. Please follow up with your child to make sure they attend live Google Meets with their teacher and understand their work and assignments.

Finally, making a decision to cancel school due to weather is never easy. We will use our best judgment and appreciate your support as we work to ensure student learning and student safety. As a parent, you always have the right to make the final decision regarding sending your child to school based on weather conditions.



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### Notifications

The goal is always to have in-person learning. As a district, we believe this is best for students and their learning.

Should an E-Learning Day or Snow Day be needed (e.g., snow/ice, water damage, etc.), the Superintendent will notify parents via ParentSquare and media outlets as soon and as early as possible, ideally no later than 6:00 a.m. Notification for E-Learning Days will be the same as snow days or school cancellations.

A **Snow Day** means there will be no school and no E-Learning. Students and staff will not be expected to log in or complete assignments, and the missed day will be made up later in the school year.

The Superintendent will only communicate in the event of an E-Learning or Snow Day – no communication will be sent if school will be in-person. If inclement weather occurs and Chromebooks/iPads were not able to be sent home with students, then a Snow Day will be called instead of an E-Learning Day.

- Based on the forecast, if an E-Learning Day is possible, the Superintendent will attempt to notify parents and staff by 12:00 p.m. the day before. This gives families and staff time to prepare in the event of an E-Learning Day.
- Staff will send home Chromebooks/iPads with students and take home any resources needed to participate in E-Learning from home.