

Inclement weather



POST FALLS
SCHOOL DISTRICT #273

As you are aware, on occasion it is necessary to **cancel** school because of inclement winter weather.

Post Falls School District also has the option of a **2-hour late start** when it appears the weather could improve enough to safely open school for students and staff members later in the morning. Starting school later will also provide snow removal crews with more time to clear roadways, parking lots and sidewalks. The decision to keep school open, close, or delay the start by 2 hours is announced by 5:30AM.

Clarification regarding 2-hour late start:

- School will be in session and buses will run their regular routes as on a normal school day – just 2 hours later.
- *Morning* developmental pre-school sessions are **canceled** on 2-hour late start days.
- GAP will be open at each elementary site on 2-hour late start days from 7:30AM – 6:00PM. (Only students already registered for the GAP program may attend.)
- School lunch will be served at the normal time on 2-hour late start days.

The Superintendent considers the safety of students and employees when making the decision whether to conduct school, close, or enact a 2-hour late start. In the event of a closure or 2-hour late start, the local media is contacted immediately. The district provides information to KXLY, KVNI, KCDA, KISS, KDRK radio and KREM-2, KXLY-4 AND KHQ-6 television stations. The district will also use the *SchoolMessenger* notification system to notify parents who have opted in to receive text messages. In addition, school closure and late start information will be posted on the district's official social media platforms to help ensure families receive timely updates through multiple communication channels.