



Greenville ISD Severe and Inclement Weather Procedures

Inclement Weather Measures

The possibility of severe or inclement weather may result in the following measures:

- switch to virtual at-home learning
- delay of school start times
- early release from school
- cancellation of the school day

Decision-Making Process

Greenville ISD takes the following information into consideration:

- Consultation with local emergency management authorities
- Road condition information from transportation staff and local law enforcement
- Amount of snow and ice accumulated
- Building conditions (Do facilities have electricity and heat?)
- Parking lot and sidewalk conditions
- Temperature and wind chill
- Weather forecasts

The superintendent will make a decision by 5:30 a.m. so notification can be communicated to parents, students, and staff by 6 a. m.

In the case of inclement weather or other unforeseen events, the district may decide to alter its school day in the interest of student and staff safety. Communication will be sent promptly to staff and parents.

Communication

If the district determines it cannot safely transport students to school on a day of in-person learning, the district will promptly announce whether it is switching to virtual at-home learning or making other adjustments to the school day. Decisions will be communicated using the following channels:

- GISD website
- GISD app
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram)
- Emails to parents and staff
- Text messages to parents

Local radio and television stations may also air announcements, but please visit the district website for the most reliable information.



Delayed Starts & Early Dismissals

- The decision to delay or dismiss school because of weather or emergencies will be made by the Superintendent or designee at the earliest possible time.
- If weather conditions worsen during the school day, Greenville ISD may need to implement an early dismissal.
- Notification will be sent to parents as early as possible to allow adequate time to make suitable arrangements for their children.

After-School Events and Severe Weather

Typically, if in-person classes have been canceled, after-school activities will also be canceled. If in-person classes are not canceled, but severe weather is a possibility, the district will communicate regarding after-school activities before 2 p.m.

Storms and Tornadoes

In the event of a severe storm warning the following procedures will be followed:

- During a tornado warning, students will remain in school, along with staff in pre-designated shelter areas.
- The main office will be closed until the warning has been canceled. Students will not be released, and staff will be in duck and cover protocol with students for the safety of all students and staff.
- In the interest of their own safety and to maintain order on campus, parents are requested not to come to school for their children during tornado or severe thunderstorm warnings.
- Dismissal from school could possibly be delayed due to severe weather such as high winds, hail, lightning, and tornado warnings. Students will not be released during a **TORNADO WARNING**, even at dismissal.
- In the event of a **TORNADO WARNING** prior to the start of school, school will be canceled or delayed as appropriate.
- If severe weather arises while buses are en route to or from school, District Safety Procedure calls for buses to divert to the nearest campus for shelter if time allows.