



School District of Bayfield

WINTER IS COMING!

It's that time of year when snow, ice, and cold temperatures can affect the school's schedule. When the weather is bad, the School District of Bayfield follows a process for deciding if schools will be open or closed.

In the event the School District of Bayfield has to delay or cancel classes due to weather or any other reason, we attempt to inform parents/guardians as quickly as possible. School closing announcements are broadcast via the radio stations and local television stations. Please listen to local television stations and radio for up-to-date information on weather-related cancellations. You can also check our website www.bayfield.k12.wi.us. Families can sign up to receive a text from the Remind App by sending a text to 81010 and text this message @bayfieldfa. And finally, as a last system in place, an automated phone call will go out to families. As with all technology, please do not rely on one source for information. You can assume school is open and on time unless you hear otherwise. Please don't call the school or bus company to see if school is closed or will be closing early.

When Bayfield schools are closed for the day, it also means that all activities scheduled in school buildings for that day are canceled. Should weather conditions improve dramatically during the course of the day, high school co-curricular events **may** be held. An announcement through local media and our website will communicate that information.

Prepare your child for an emergency school closing situation. Parents/guardians are urged to discuss in advance with their child(ren) what to do in case of an early dismissal (e.g., telling the child where he/she should go if necessary.)

And lastly, children at the elementary and middle school levels do go outside for recess, whenever it is possible to do so. Warm clothing is essential, including boots, hats, and mittens.

For every family that is happy that school is in session on days when the weather is bad, there is another family that feels schools should be closed. The decision to open or close schools during inclement weather brings out some of the strongest community reactions – no matter which way we go with our weather decisions.

We appreciate your understanding of the difficulties in making this decision and your support in helping your child get to school safely on winter days. Please know that we will use safety considerations in making all of our weather decisions