



Winter Weather Plan

Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) continually monitors forecasts from the [National Weather Service](#) in order to make the best decision for students, staff and families.

Winter Weather Closures

Saint Paul Public Schools will close all district buildings and will cancel schools and programs due to temperature, wind chill, snow, ice, hazardous roads or other inclement weather conditions.

CANCELLATIONS INCLUDE:

- **Classes and programs at all PreK-12 schools**
- **Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)**
- **Before- and after-school programs and extra-curricular activities** (Flipside, Community Education Youth Enrichment, Extended Day for Learning (EDL), etc.)
- **School events** (field trips, open houses, conferences, etc.)
- **Athletics practices are canceled. Games and competitions are decided on an individual basis.** Schedule changes are posted on spps.org/sports.
- **All Community Education classes and activities are canceled.** Visit spps.org/commed for more information.
 - Discovery Club
 - Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)
 - Youth classes and programs (aquatics, driver's education, etc.)
 - Adult classes and programs
 - Adults with special needs programs (SEED, CLEAR, Culture Club, etc.)
 - Hubbs Center
 - East Side Hub@Harding
 - Como Planetarium
- Evening High School
- Alternative to Expulsion program (A2E)
- **Family engagement activities** (Parent Academy, Parent Advisory Council meetings, etc.)
- **Permits held by outside organizations** (YMCA, Girl Scouts, tutoring, etc.) for meetings and activities in an SPPS building are canceled. Contact the organizer with questions.

Criteria for Closing Due to Winter Weather

COLD CONDITIONS

Temperature or wind chill

- School will be canceled if the expected forecast* for 6 a.m. the following morning shows:
 - [Wind chill](#) is below -35 degrees Fahrenheit **OR**
 - Air temperature is below -25 degrees Fahrenheit **
- The decision will be made by 6:30 p.m. the night before a cancellation.

SNOWY CONDITIONS

Snow, ice or hazardous road conditions

- School will be canceled if heavy snow and/or icy conditions make it extremely hazardous or impossible for school buses to travel their routes and for employees to get to work safely.
- The decision will be made by 5 a.m. the morning of a cancellation.

*The forecast is determined using information from the [National Weather Service](#) | ** Diesel-fueled buses may not start or remain running when air temperature is below -25° F.

After-School Weather Cancellations

Saint Paul Public Schools may choose to cancel after-school activities due to weather conditions that are expected to worsen throughout the school day. *Afternoon Pre-K, afternoon Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) and the regular school day will continue as usual.*

CANCELLATIONS INCLUDE:

- **After-school programs and extra-curricular activities** (Flipside, Community Education Youth Enrichment, Extended Day for Learning (EDL), etc.)
- **After-school events** (field trips, open houses, conferences, etc.)
- **Athletics practices are canceled. Games and competitions are decided on an individual basis.** Schedule changes are posted on spps.org/sports.
- **Discovery Club will remain open at all sites until all students have been picked up.**
- **The following Community Education classes and activities are canceled.** Visit spps.org/commed for more information.
 - Youth classes and programs (aquatics, driver's education, etc.)
 - Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)
- **Other Community Education cancellations are decided on an individual basis.** Contact your specific program or visit spps.org/commed.
 - Adult classes and programs
 - Adults with special needs programs (SEED, CLEAR, Culture Club, etc.)
 - Hubbs Center - Adult Basic Education (ABE)
 - East Side Hub@Harding
 - Como Planetarium
- Evening High School
- **Family engagement activities** (Parent Academy, Parent Advisory Council meetings, etc.)
- **Permits held by outside organizations** (YMCA, Girl Scouts, tutoring, etc.) for meetings and activities in an SPPS building are canceled. Contact the organizer with questions.

Criteria for Cancelling After-School Activities Due to Weather

- Decisions to cancel after-school activities will be made by 12 noon on the day of cancellation.

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Notifications will be sent directly to families and staff by phone, text and email, and posted on school websites and spps.org. Notifications will also be sent to local media outlets (T.V., newspaper, radio).