



Winter Weather Plan 2017-18

The safety and well-being of students and staff is our top priority and the decision to close school is no simple matter.

Before deciding to close school due to extreme winter weather conditions, Saint Paul Public Schools Superintendent Joe Gothard consults with a variety of experts both inside and outside of the district. Our commitment is to keep families, staff and the community informed of weather-related school closings and cancellations.

Please note that we continually monitor the forecast from the [National Weather Service](#) in order to make the best decision for students, staff and families. Additionally, delayed start times are not logistically possible in Saint Paul Public Schools.

COLD DAY Closing due to temperature or wind chill	SNOW DAY Closing due to snow or hazardous driving conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School will be canceled if the forecast* for 6 a.m. the following morning shows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wind Chill</u> is below -35 degrees Fahrenheit OR • Air Temperature is below -25 degrees Fahrenheit ** • Decision will be made by 6:30 p.m. the night before a cancellation. • Notification will be sent directly to families by phone, text and email, and posted on school websites and spps.org. • Notification will be sent to media outlets (T.V., newspaper, radio.) <p>Cancellations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes and programs at all PreK-12 schools • Early Childhood Special Education • After-school programs and extra-curricular activities • Extended Day for Learning (EDL) • Flipside • Field trips • School events • Evening High School • Youth Community Education classes • Family Engagement activities (Parent Academy, open house, conferences, etc.) • Athletics cancellations are decided upon on an individual basis. Schedule changes are posted on spps.org/sports. • Discovery Club will remain open at limited sites. Families enrolled in Discovery Club will be contacted with information about the site available to them. • Adult classes and programs will remain open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Education • Hubbs Center • East Side Hub@Harding • Early Childhood Family Education • Permits held by outside organizations (YMCA, Girl Scouts, tutoring, etc.) for meetings and activities in a school building will continue unless that organization cancels. Contact the organizer with questions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Decision will be made by 5 a.m. the morning of a cancellation. • Notification will be sent directly to families by phone, text and email, and posted on school websites and spps.org. • Notification will be sent to media outlets (T.V., newspaper, radio.) <p>Cancellations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes and programs at all PreK-12 schools • Early Childhood Special Education • After-school programs and extra-curricular activities • Extended Day for Learning (EDL) • Flipside • Field trips • School events • Evening High School • Area Learning Centers • Early Childhood Family Education • Youth Community Education classes • Family Engagement activities (Parent Academy, open house, conferences, etc.) • Athletics cancellations are decided upon on an individual basis. Schedule changes are posted on spps.org/sports. • Discovery Club is closed. • Adult classes and programs are cancelled, including at the Hubbs Center and East Side Hub@Harding. • Permits held by outside organizations (YMCA, Girl Scouts, tutoring, etc.) for meetings and activities in a school building are canceled. Contact the organizer with questions.

*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



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SAME DAY WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Canceling after-school activities due to weather conditions that are expected to worsen throughout the school day.

School is in session as normal.

- Decisions to cancel will be made by 10 a.m. the day of cancellation.
- Schools that normally dismiss at 2 p.m. will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. This will help keep school buses on time for their later routes. All other schools will dismiss at their regular time.

Cancellations include:

- After-school programs and extra-curricular activities
- Afternoon Pre-K
- Afternoon Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)
- Extended Day for Learning (EDL)
- Flipside
- Field trips
- School events
- Evening High School
- Area Learning Centers
- Early Childhood Family Education
- Youth and Adult Community Education (including classes at the Hubbs Center and East Side Hub@Harding.)
- Family Engagement activities (Parent Academy, open house, conferences, etc.)
- **Athletics cancellations are decided** upon 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.

