

HOW DOES THE WIND CHILL AFFECT SCHOOL BEING DELAYED OR CLOSED?

During the winter months several factors come into play that could delay the start of school or cause school to be closed all together. One such factor is the wind chill on any given day. On particularly cold mornings we continuously monitor the National Weather Service and closely monitor the weather conditions.

There are two possible scenarios that come from the National Weather Service: a [Wind Chill Advisory](#) and a [Wind Chill Warning](#).

The National Weather Service in Wilmington, OH defines the two as the following:

[Wind Chill Advisory](#): Wind Chills between -10 and -24 degrees and at least a wind of 10 MPH or more.

[Wind Chill Warning](#): Wind Chills -25 degrees and below with at least a wind of 10 MPH or more.

When the National Weather Service issues a Wind Chill Warning for our area during time, we will make a decision whether or not to close or delay schools. It is quite likely this type of decision will be made on the morning of the day in question as it is hard to predict what the actual wind chill will be the night before.

If there is a Wind Chill Advisory for the county, schools will likely be open unless there are operational problems with the bus fleet or mechanical problems in the school buildings. Buildings and the bus fleet are assessed in the early morning. During cold weather, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. The district highly recommends students wear winter hats, gloves, heavy coats and boots. Frostbite and hypothermia are serious risks and need to be taken into consideration by parents and guardians.

Please understand that the safety of our students and staff is the top priority when making the decision to delay or close school. We can assure you that our school buildings are warm, safe, and an ideal place for students to be when it is extremely cold outside. These decisions are not made lightly and we appreciate your support and understanding as we do what is best for students and staff safety.

To get more information on how the wind chill is calculated see the National Weather Service wind chill chart from the National Weather Service.