

Snow Days

(Inclement Weather)

How they're decided in LCPS

How do we make our decision?

Several factors go into making a "snow day" call, including:

- Information on current road conditions from our transportation and maintenance crews; conditions are monitored throughout the night, and again early in the morning by LCPS operations personnel.
- Amount of snow and ice accumulated.
- Duration and timing of the snow and/or ice event.
- Temperature and wind chill (for safety of walkers and students at bus stops).
- School building conditions (electricity, heat, water).
- School parking lot and sidewalk conditions.
- Current weather conditions, along with predicted weather, but closures cannot be determined solely on predictions.
- Will buses be operational and running on schedule?
- Weather forecasts and collaboration with nearby school districts, particularly those in which we share services and programs.

Who makes the decision?

The superintendent makes the final decision based on the above factors, recommendations from our Operations Department, information from the National Weather Service, and in consultation with neighboring districts.

How are parents notified?

We send communication in several ways, as soon as the determination is made by the superintendent:

- An automated phone call/text message will be used to inform parents and staff depending on timing and urgency.
- An email will be sent to all parents and staff.
- All local radio and TV news stations.
- Social media: District Facebook page and Instagram.
- An alert will be posted on the District website.

When is the decision made?

Snow day decisions are typically made in the early morning hours, although sometimes closures are determined the evening before. In either case, we will notify families and staff as soon as possible to allow for proper planning.

Are there snow days built into the calendar?

The district does not include snow days in the calendar, but the State of Michigan permits up to six days for emergency closings.

As a reminder, although the district does its best in this process, weather is unpredictable and no perfect decision exists. If you feel as a parent that it is not safe for your child to attend school, please know that you always have the option of keeping your child at home.