

Inclement Weather Policy

Information for Families and Schools

In an effort to increase student safety during winter months, Denver Public Schools would like to remind you of its Inclement Weather Policy for the 2021-22 school year. **During the 2021-22 school year, we will not be doing delayed starts because of the weather. Instead, schools will be closed on the first day of adverse weather. Then, they will go remote for all subsequent days of severe weather.**

The decision to close schools and/or go remote will be made by the superintendent based on information provided by representatives from DPS Transportation Services, transportation agencies and the weather bureau.



If DPS schools remain open during adverse weather:

- The district will monitor the weather throughout the day to ensure student safety.
- The required transportation will be provided. However, services may be modified or delayed to ensure bus driver and student safety.
- Traffic conditions may require students to spend additional time in route to school, special activities, programs or at home.
- If adverse weather begins during the school day, a decision may be made regarding early dismissal.
- Bus routes will run in the same order as normally followed in the afternoon. Depending on conditions, arrival times at home may vary.
- After-school activities (athletic events, enrichment programs, etc.) may be modified or canceled as a result of the weather conditions.



If DPS schools are closed due to adverse weather:

- Transportation will not run any buses.
- All after-school activities, which include middle and high school sports, are canceled and transportation will not be provided for these activities.
- Please make the necessary plans for the care of your student in the event that school is canceled.



If DPS schools go remote due to adverse weather:

- Transportation will not run any buses.
- All school activities, which include middle and high school sports, are canceled and transportation will not be provided for these activities.
- Please make the necessary plans for the care of your student in the event that school is canceled.



How you will be informed:

In the event of inclement weather, district officials will make the decision by 5 a.m. If the decision is made to close school or go remote, local television and radio stations will be notified immediately and broadcast regular announcements. You can also visit thedenverchannel.com, 9News.com, kdvr.com and denver.cbslocal.com. Notifications in Spanish will be made on radio newscasts on 1150-AM, 1280-AM and 1090-AM.

Robo Call - In the event that a School Closure or Remote Day is called, families will receive a Robo Call notification informing them of next steps. It is important that families maintain updated contact information with their school's front office and in Infinite Campus.

Weather.dpsk12.org - Emergency School Closures and Emergency Remote Days will be posted here and on transportation.dpsk12.org.

Social Media - Announcements to close school or go remote will also be posted to [Facebook.com/DenverPublicSchools](https://www.facebook.com/DenverPublicSchools), as well as @DPSnewsnow and @DPSschoolbus on Twitter.

Hotlines - A message announcing the closure or remote day will also be left on the school district's closure hotline at 720-423-3200, as well as on the DPS Transportation hotline at 720-423-4600.