

Oakwood City Schools Winter Weather Preparedness

How the decision to delay or close school is made.

Safe passage to our schools and respect for the importance of the work that occurs in our classrooms guide weather-related decisions.

It is not uncommon for winter weather to cause interruptions to the schedules of surrounding school districts. Most districts make their delay or closure decisions based on the ability to safely provide bus transportation. In our community, however, most students live within a 20-minute walk or a 5-minute drive to school. Therefore, conditions that may delay or close our schools may be different than those of other districts.

There is no one-size-fits-all formula for deciding to close or delay school. Many variables come into play:

- The timing of the storm in relation to the start of school;
- The amount of snow and ice;
- The temperature and wind chill factor;
- The extended forecast prediction;
- The ability of the road crews to make headway in clearing crosswalks and the ability of homeowners in clearing their sidewalks;
- The conditions at the school buildings, i.e. Are the boilers working?
- The advice of the Safety Department and our Groundskeeper.

Before finalizing this decision, the Superintendent typically walks and drives in different parts of the community and checks-in with the Safety Department. Because Oakwood is a 'walking community,' students are reminded to dress appropriately for the winter weather conditions.

How the decision to delay or close school is communicated.

In the event that winter weather conditions cause school to be delayed or closed, we will:

- use The One Call Now system to contact parents. To ensure you are called in an emergency, parents can go to the Oakwood Schools' home page at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us and click the link to One Call Now. Parents may add cell, work or other phone numbers to which you would like emergency messages directed. Parents can update phone numbers at any time.
- announce on TV and radio by 6:30 a.m. the status of school that day.
- publish the status of school that day on our district website at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us.

If school is closed: All classes and programs are cancelled. This includes the preschool program and South Connection.

Special Note for Lange School Programs:

- When Kettering Schools are closed and Oakwood Schools are open there will be **no** bus transportation for Kindergarten. Parents will need to transport their children to Lange.
- When Oakwood Schools and/or Kettering Schools are delayed, the following Kindergarten bus shuttle will be adjusted according to the following schedule:

	2-Hour Delay	1-Hour Delay
Shuttle pick up at Harman/Smith	10:30 a.m.	No bus
Shuttle departs Harman/Smith	10:40 a.m.	No bus
Shuttle arrives at Lange	10:45 a.m.	No bus