

Stay in the Know When the Weather is Bad

Gobles Public Schools wants to share with families the school district's procedures for school closings, delays, transportation, and more.

Especially in the Midwest, the weather can be frustrating at times. Conditions can become extremely challenging for sure. The last thing that we want to do is delay or close school because we empathize with parents scrambling to make child care arrangements. However, please know that our first priority will always be child safety.

To help give parents and community members a better perspective, here is the decision-making process that will be implemented on whether to delay or call school off or not. Again, student safety is the top priority and number one consideration in all school closings. Several factors aid this decision:

1. Travel conditions reported from the transportation department as they relate to our bus fleet.
2. Road conditions provided first hand by a district official that travels roads in the early morning.
3. Temperature, wind, and wind chill information from local meteorologists.
4. Drifting and snow accumulations information from police and county highway departments.
5. Parking lot conditions.
6. Building conditions.
7. Discussions with other School District Administration.

Please know that some of these factors are difficult to assess before the morning in question which often leaves all of us, specifically parents, less time to plan. There is no way to be perfect with this. We can only make the best decision in real time with the best available information. We will always be guided by doing the right thing for student's safety and transportation.

Frequently asked questions

When would I get the call that school is delayed, cancelled, or releasing early? Normally a decision is made anywhere between 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

How can I find out if school will be cancelled, delayed, or closed early? The district uses the following methods to communicate: Gobles Public Schools website www.gobles.org under What's Happening as well as under Links-School Closings. Additionally, Instant Campus Messenger.

Why would Gobles Public Schools call for a two-hour delay as opposed to cancelling school for the day? If weather conditions would not permit safe travel for students and staff in the morning, but the forecast and radar shows an improvement in conditions, Gobles Public Schools would call for a two-hour delay. Weather permitting, a two-hour delay allows students and staff to safely travel to campus without having to make-up a day.

How does a two-hour delay affect my child's bus schedule and what is the school day schedule when the district announces a two-hour delay? Buses will operate normal routes with a two-hour delay. If your child's bus normally picks up your child at 7:00 a.m., the bus will now pick up at 9:00 a.m. The school day schedule will adjust similarly. If school normally starts at 8:00 a.m., it will now start at 10:00 a.m.