

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202



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Administration Center

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Dear District 202 Parent(s):

I am sending this important reminder as “bad weather” season approaches. District 202 Schools will not close unless hazardous road or other emergency conditions (including utility problems – electricity or natural gas outages) necessitate a closing.

A decision to close will normally be made by 5:30 a.m., and will be based upon road conditions, weather reports, police reports and personal inspections of streets and campuses by District 202 personnel.

When schools are to be closed, the media outlets listed in the box to the right will be notified between 5:30-6:30 a.m. In addition, all District 202 families and staff (except those who have asked to be removed from the call list) will also be notified through the Connect-ED recorded telephone message system, and a note will be posted on the District 202 web site (www.learningcommunity202.org), **but please also continue to monitor the stations listed on the right. Parents are asked to not contact the District Office or school officials until after 7:30 a.m.**

Absence Because of Adverse Weather Conditions

If the schools are open but parents believe that their child’s normal route to school is unsafe, parents should keep their child at home. All principals are instructed that students shall be given an “excused absence” if kept home because either transportation was unavailable or, in the judgment of the parents, the walk was not safe. Parents should explain this in a note to the principal following the student’s return to school, and should then contact the school to see that the child makes up work missed. Parents of high school students should call the attendance office rather than send a written note.

Transportation

District 202 makes every effort to provide safe transportation for students. If road conditions prohibit our school bus drivers from safely navigating their routes, school will be cancelled. At times, our buses will be able to operate safely but our drivers will need to adjust their schedules due to the changing road conditions. When schools are open during adverse weather conditions, parents are asked to personally supervise the safe loading of children. In some cases, bus departure from school may begin earlier than usual so that the last riders can return home as close to the normal time as possible. Individuals with questions are encouraged to call their school principal (see chart below) or the District 202 Transportation Office (815-439-5467).

AM Radio WGN-AM 720 WBBM-AM 780 WJOL-AM 1340
FM Radio WERV-FM 95.9 (95.9 The River) WSSR-FM 96.7 WCCQ-FM 98.3 WRXQ-FM 100.7
Television WBBM-TV (CBS 2) WMAQ-TV (NBC 5) WLS-TV (ABC 7) WGN-TV (Channel 9) WFLD-TV (Fox 32) CLTV
Internet www.emergencyclosings.com www.learningcommunity202.org

District 202 School Directory (Area Code 815)

Aux Sable Middle School	439-7092	Heritage Grove Middle School	439-4810	Plainfield North High School	609-8506
Bonnie McBeth Learning Center	439-4288	Indian Trail Middle School	436-6128	Plainfield South High School	439-5555
Central Elementary School	436-9278	Ira Jones Middle School	267-3600	Ridge Elementary School	577-4630
Charles Reed Elementary School	254-2160	John F. Kennedy Middle School	439-8024	River View Elementary School	439-4840
Creskide Elementary School	577-4700	Lakewood Falls Elementary School	439-4560	Thomas Jefferson Elementary School	577-2021
Crystal Lawns Elementary School	436-9519	Liberty Elementary School	609-3037	Timber Ridge Middle School	439-3410
Drauden Point Middle School	577-4900	Lincoln Elementary School	577-4500	Walker’s Grove Elementary School	439-2885
Eagle Pointe Elementary School	577-4800	Meadow View Elementary School	439-4828	Wesmere Elementary School	439-3244
Freedom Elementary School	254-4005	Plainfield Academy	439-5521		
Grand Prairie Elementary School	436-7000	Plainfield Central High School	436-3200		

Procedures for Early Dismissal

School will not normally be dismissed early. Early dismissal produces complications for parents who may be away from their homes. When weather or emergency conditions dictate an early closing, however, these procedures will be followed:

1. A Connect-ED message will be distributed to the affected community.
2. The radio stations listed above will be notified.
3. Walking students should have notes from home on file in the school office indicating a neighbor's home to which they can go if their own parents are not at home.
4. Unless other written arrangements are on file in the principal's office, bus students will be transported home.
5. Schools will remain open at least 30 minutes after the last child has left to allow personnel to respond to any unusual circumstances.
6. If a complete bus route becomes impossible, the bus will return to school, and parents will be consulted concerning arrangements for transportation and/or lodging. Parents should also make sure that they have given building secretaries up-to-date information on where they can be reached, as well as the names of friends who are able to respond if called.

Evening Extracurricular Activities When Schools are Closed

A decision will be made concerning extracurricular activities by 2 p.m. of the day that school is closed. Parents and students are advised to listen to one of the Joliet area radio stations mentioned above for information.

Cooperation

We all need to work together to ensure children are dressed appropriately for cold weather and that child safety is our first consideration. During the winter, some District 202 custodial and maintenance personnel work around the clock to keep the buildings open. Bus drivers work an extended schedule to provide transportation over roads that at times are less than ideal. Parents suffer inconveniences when transportation is interrupted or when weather conditions are adverse. We will continue to work to make sure that lines of communication are kept open to our students and to our parents in all situations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Dr. John R. Harper
Superintendent