

School Cancellation Process, 2019

With the chance of snow predicted in the near future, it is a good opportunity to review our protocol for closing the district in the event of poor weather and/or unsafe driving conditions. The safety of students, parents, and staff is the foremost consideration when evaluating whether a day of school should be canceled. There are several variables that factor into making a final decision. These include the following:

1. An early morning report from our Director of Facilities and Operations on road conditions in Williamston
2. Input from law enforcement, the road commission, and staff from neighboring districts
3. Consultation with Superintendents from all other Ingham County Districts

School will be canceled automatically if there is a temperature (with or without wind-chill) of 20 degrees or more below zero.

Note that each local district in the area makes an independent decision on whether to cancel school. Road conditions in Williamston (to include roads in all parts of our district) may differ greatly from those in other districts. If you disagree with a decision to open school, it is always your right to keep your child at home. If you make this choice, please contact the appropriate school office so we know where your child is and that he or she is safe.

School cancellations will be broadcast through a variety of means. These include local media outlets, our website, and School Messenger. Remember, you can subscribe to both School Messenger and the RSS feed on the announcements part of the district website to receive an automatic notification to your phone, email, and/or news feed. Our goal is to make a decision to cancel no later than 6:00 am.

For students attending Wilson Talent Center: In the event the Mason Public Schools have closed their district due to road/weather conditions, the Ingham Intermediate Schools will also be closed. Consequently, the Wilson Talent Center will not be open. If Williamston is open on a day Mason schools are closed, students who attend class at the Wilson Talent Center will have space made available for them to study throughout the full school day at Williamston High School, but will only be required to attend class during their usual hours at WHS. If Williamston is closed and Mason is open, Williamston students will be excused from classes on that day. Questions regarding this arrangement can be directed to the high school office.

For students attending Little Hornets Preschool and Kids' Corner Childcare: Little Hornets Preschool will close when Explorer and Discovery close. Kids' Corner will remain open unless otherwise noted in the closing announcement.

Co-Curricular Events: Performances, competitions, practices, and other similar activities will be addressed on a case-by-case basis depending on an ongoing assessment of weather/road conditions. Updates will be provided as applicable on days the district is otherwise closed.

Fitness Center, Pool, and Enrichment: These departments will make an independent assessment of weather conditions which will usually be broadcast in the closing announcement. If these departments remain open, hours may be subject to change. Check the respective websites for more information on days the district is closed.