



Henry County R-1 School District
Inclement Weather Procedures
2019-20

In the event school will be closed or dismissed early, the announcement will be made through the following outlets:

District website: www.henrycountyr1.k12.mo.us

School Messenger – text message alert for all School Messenger subscribers

Radio Stations:

KDKD-Clinton (1280 AM; 95.3 FM)
KSDL-Sedalia (92.3 FM)
KXXK-Sedalia (105.7 FM)
KMZU-Carrollton (100.7 FM)
KOKO-Warrensburg (1450 AM)

TV Stations:

Channel 5-Kansas City
Channel 13-Springfield

The District will attempt to reach a school closing decision by 5:30 a.m. However, weather conditions may enable a decision to be made the night before or may change drastically after 5:30 a.m. which would cause a decision to be delayed until a later time. When the decision is made to close school due to inclement weather, it is understood that all buildings within the District are closed for the day. All decisions will be based upon actual conditions within District boundaries to the extent possible and not a weather forecast. Once the decision is made to close school, the above media outlets will immediately be notified, the message will be posted on the school district website, and a School Messenger alert will be sent. School Messenger is the fastest and earliest announcement to the public when schools are closed due to weather or any other emergency event. If you have not signed up for School Messenger and would like to do so, you may sign up by contacting the principal's office at WES or WHS.

The decision to close school is made based upon whether students and staff can get to and from school safely. District staff monitor road conditions within the district boundaries and surrounding areas to determine whether buses and student and staff vehicles can safely travel all roads, most importantly the back roads that are not maintained by the highway department. Ongoing communication with surrounding school districts and weather reports aid in the final decision.

The decision to dismiss school early takes into account the same factors as above, but also considers the time that must be allowed to notify bus drivers and allow them to get to school and whether a meal can be provided to students before dismissal.