

West Central Valley CSD Families & Staff,

We hope everyone has enjoyed the first few weeks of the fall season. As we were reminded earlier this week, though, winter is inevitable.

We wanted to take a moment to review our severe weather procedures. Please know that we will monitor the weather forecasts closely. Prior to 5 a.m., we will consider a number of factors such as:

- Safety of the students, especially with the mindset that we have young, often inexperienced drivers, in tandem with thoughts related to students who walk to school
- Safety of our staff members
- The type of precipitation -- fog, snow, ice, etc.
- The amount of precipitation that is being predicted
- Predictions and timing of real and wind-chill temperatures
- The timing of the weather event
- The current state of road conditions, in tandem with the predicted, new precipitation
- The type and duration of a weather advisory/warning
- Feedback from city and county crews who are working on the roads as well as other sources of relevant information

Our goal is to make the decision to delay the beginning of the school day by two hours or to cancel school by 5:30 a.m. In the event of inclement weather, such as heavy snow, extreme temperatures or dangerous wind chills, West Central Valley Community School District may do one of four things:

- Cancel classes at all schools but administrative offices remain open
- Cancel classes at all schools and administrative offices are closed
- Dismiss schools early
- Delay the start of school by two hours but administrative offices open at the regular time

A detailed explanation regarding what each of the above four options means for students, parents and school district employees is available on our website.

We will be using JMC to notify families and staff via phone call, text, and email in the event of inclement weather. You may add or update your cell phone number, home phone number, and email address in JMC at any time. If you need help with your username or password for JMC, please contact your building secretary or the district office at 515.523.2187.

To ensure contact information for families and staff is correct in JMC, we will be sending a test inclement weather message on Friday, October 30th around 10 a.m.

As we prepare to enter the upcoming winter season, know that the safety of our students and staff is always a top priority in our decision-making process.

Sincerely,

Anthony Lohse, Co-Superintendent

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**Resources:** Closings & Delays, JMC FAQ