

Inclement weather: 2-Hour Late Start

As you are aware, on occasion it is necessary for school to be cancelled because of inclement winter weather. Based on our recent survey results and neighboring districts also having this possibility, we are adding the option of a 2-hour late start. There are certain snow days when the weather could improve enough for us to have students and staff members safely attend school later in the morning. Starting school later will also provide snow removal crews with more time to clear roadways, parking lots and sidewalks. In most cases, the decision to keep school open, close or delay the start by 2 hours will be made by 5:30 a.m.

Clarification regarding 2-hour late start:

- School will be in session and buses will run their regular routes as on a normal school day – just 2 hours later.
- Morning kindergarten will not be in session on 2-hour late start days.
- GAP will be open at each elementary site on 2-hour late start days from 6:30AM – 6:00PM. (only students already registered for the GAP program may attend)
- School lunch will be served at the normal time on 2-hour late start days.

The district takes very seriously any safety-related issues for students, staff, parents and patrons caused by severe weather. The district Transportation Supervisor assesses the current driving conditions prior to 5:30am and is in contact with the Idaho State Police and officials with the City of Post Falls and the Post Falls Highway District to gather information regarding road conditions. The Superintendent and the Transportation Supervisor will review the available road condition information and will drive various roads to see firsthand the current driving conditions.

The Superintendent will make the decision whether to conduct school, close or enact a 2-hour late start. If the decision is to enact a 2-hour late start or close school, the local media will be contacted immediately. The district provides the information to KXLY, KVNI, KCDA, KISS, KDRK radio and KREM-2, KXLY-4 AND KHQ-6 television stations. The district will also utilize the SchoolMessenger notification system for parents with texting capabilities on their cell phones who have opted in to the SchoolMessenger system.

School Messenger

The Post Falls School District has joined the School Messenger emergency notification system. The system allows the district to communicate via SMS text messages to parents regarding important matters such as a school lockdown, school closure (weather or otherwise) or other issues that affect their students.

To receive school notifications you must opt-in to school messenger. Please follow the steps below to opt in:

****Send a text message to 67587 with the word “subscribe” in the body of the text.**

****You will receive a confirmation text reply that you are Registered with School Messenger.**