



Winter Safety Guidelines

1. The decision about "**SCHOOL CANCELLATION, EARLY DISMISSAL**", or "**DELAYED STARTING TIMES**", is made by the Superintendent of Schools.
2. When school is in session during inclement weather, the final decision whether or not a child should attend school or stay at home is the **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS**.
3. Announcements will be made to include all K-12 classes, Head Start, Early Childhood, Adult Education and Parents as Teachers for all schools in USD 475.
4. It is not possible for schools to call each parent; therefore, announcements regarding (1) "School Cancellations", (2) "Early Dismissals", (3) "Delayed Starting Times" or changes in bus schedules will be made by area radio stations.
5. During adverse weather conditions, school/weather related announcements will be made via **475 ALERTS!** (text messaging service - sign up at www.usd475.org) and the following media outlets:

KJCK 1420 AM / KJCK 97.5 FM / KQLA 103.5 FM
SUNNY 102.5 FM / KMAN 1350 AM / K-ROCK 101.5 FM
Fort Riley Channel 2 and Topeka Area Television Stations

6. Announcements regarding "**School Cancellations**" will be made no later than 6:30 a.m.
7. Announcements regarding "**Early Dismissal**" will be made as soon as a decision is made to dismiss school.
8. Announcements regarding "**Delayed Starting Times**" will be made no later than 6:30 a.m.

SPECIAL NOTE: Delayed reporting times for non-essential post personnel MAY NOT necessarily mean a delay in school starting times on Ft. Riley. Please listen to area radio stations for specific information regarding school starting time!

9. **Cold Weather Safety Advisory:** When extreme cold temperatures and dangerous wind-chill conditions exist, students and parents are reminded:
 - Students should dress warmly and cover all exposed skin surfaces.
 - Students should remain inside the school or home until transportation arrives.
 - Students should NOT walk long distances to or from school.
 - Parents are to make the final decision as to whether or not their children should attend school.
10. **Winter Recess/Building Access Guidelines:**
Students will remain in the building for recess and/or be permitted to enter the building before school if the temperature or wind-chill is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit.