



APS WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

How Decisions Are Made

We consider:

- Safety of students, staff and families
- Temperature, wind chill, and snow/ice accumulation
- Safe bus operations and driver safety

1. **Forecast**

The National Weather Service forecasts inclement weather.

2. **Coordination**

Schools and County coordinate response.

3. **Evening Decision**

Announced by 6 p.m. if forecast will affect morning bus schedule.

4. **4:30 a.m. Review**

Forecast and updates from the National Weather Service are reviewed.

5. **Coordination**

Schools and County coordinate response.

6. **Morning Decision**

Update or new decision, if any, announced by 5 a.m.

When snow/ice starts during school hours

1. When snow or ice starts to fall or is forecasted to accumulate:
 - a. **IF** accumulation is expected to affect afternoon bus schedules
THEN Final decision for dismissal is made by 11:30 a.m. and communicated via APS School Talk.
 - b. **IF** no accumulation is expected in time for afternoon bus schedules
THEN School ends on time. Evening cancellations, if warranted, are announced by 6 p.m. via APS School Talk.



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