



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BARABOO

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Dear Baraboo School District Parents & Guardians:

During times of extreme weather conditions, the Baraboo School District follows guidelines for deciding if schools will be open or closed. When making decisions about school closings or delays, student safety is our major consideration. We try to make the best decision for all students, while recognizing that some decisions will not meet everyone's individual circumstances. Therefore, we strongly support parental decisions regarding children's attendance during severe winter weather.

The process for deciding when schools are open or closed due to snow and/or ice

District staff members review the weather conditions beginning very early in the morning. They talk with weather forecasters, the Sauk County Highway Department, Sauk County Sheriff's Department, school district staff and surrounding school district officials to determine the current/future road conditions and if all buildings are accessible for students and staff.

We also consult with our bus transportation company to determine if buses will be able to travel safely to and from school. We make the decision whether to close or delay school no later than 6:00 a.m. We then communicate this decision to all local media stations. If a delay is warranted, school will begin two hours later than normal and morning four-year-old kindergarten and morning early childhood classes will be canceled. If an early school closing is warranted during the day, the district will communicate with families on a district-wide level, following each school's procedure.

When schools are closed because of extreme cold

When the National Weather Service has a wind chill WARNING for Sauk County in effect immediately before the school day begins, we will make a decision if our schools should close. It is quite likely we will make the decision on the morning of the day in question. If there is a wind chill ADVISORY (and not a WARNING) for the county, schools will likely be open. Additional information can be found at the National Weather Service website at www.nws.noaa.gov/om/windchill/index.shtml.

How you can find out if schools are closed

Parents/guardians will be receiving an email/call/text through our Infinite Campus automated messenger system notifying them of a school delay or cancellation.

You can also listen to any local radio station or Madison TV stations (WISC 3, WMTV 15 and WKOW 27) for information regarding school closings or delays. You can also check our website:

www.baraboo.k12.wi.us or our Facebook page at [facebook.com/BarabooSD](https://www.facebook.com/BarabooSD). Channel 3000 has a free signup for automated e-mails or text messages regarding school closings at <http://www.baraboo.k12.wi.us/schoolcancellations.cfm>.

When schools are closed, all activities are canceled

When Baraboo schools are canceled for the day, it also means that all activities scheduled in school buildings for that day are canceled. While all home events are canceled, the District may decide to participate in an event scheduled in a neighboring school district if weather and road conditions permit.

Baraboo KidStop Program

Two Hour Delay: If there is a two-hour delay, Before-School KidStop will be available from 6:15 a.m. at both East Elementary School and GLW Elementary School. Al Behrman Elementary (ABE) School KidStop participants will report to the East School KidStop site. West Elementary and North Freedom Elementary students report to the GLW KidStop site. NO breakfast will be served on these days. Parents/Guardians will be charged the daily rate for the extended time.

Please Note: If a 2-hour delay changes over to a school cancellation day, parents of those children already at KidStop will be contacted with the request to return and pick up their child/children.

School Closing: If school is canceled prior to the start of the school day, KidStop will also be closed.

If school is canceled during the school day, East and GLW KidStop will be open from dismissal time until 6:00 p.m. Parents/Guardians will be charged the daily rate for the extended time.

If you have additional questions, please contact your child's KidStop Site Manager or Pat Gavin, KidStop Coordinator, at 355-3925 ext. 7150.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

We appreciate your understanding of the school closing process and your support in helping your child get to school safely on winter days. We will always consider student safety as our top priority when making decisions related to school delays and closings.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lori Mueller

District Administrator