

GFPS SCHOOL DISRUPTIONS DUE TO WEATHER INFORMATION

All students, parents and school employees should assume that school will be in session and buses will be running as scheduled unless there is official notification from the Superintendent to the contrary. See below regarding notification.

The Superintendent may order the:

- Cancellation of some or all bus routes;
- Delay of some or all bus routes;
- Closure of school(s);
- Delay of school start; and/or
- Early dismissal of school.

Notification may be made or accessed in the following ways:

- *Mass phone and/or voicemail notification from the GFPS automated attendance system (EduLink)
- GFPS Twitter: @GFPublicSchools
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreatFallsPublicSchools>
- GFPS Website: www.gfps.k12.mt.us
- Media Twitter and websites: @KRTV, www.krtv.com, @KFBB, www.kfbb.com, @GFTribune, www.greatfallstribune.com
 - *Please be aware we have no control over when the media begins posting or announcing our information.*
- Radio Stations: FM: 92.9, 94.5, 97.9, 98.9, 101.7, 102.7, 104.9, and 106.1
AM: 560 and 1450
 - Please be aware that GFPS has no control over radio station announcements.*
- Call 406-268-6444 for a phone message (you may reach a busy signal depending on caller volume)

Please note: **If the decision is to operate as usual, there will NOT be postings or announcements.**

***EduLink notifications will only be made when large groups of parents need to do something (i.e. keep students home, pick students up, etc.). Mass phone and voicemail notifications are not sent for announcements that do not require parents to take action of some kind.**

Attendance information:

- The District encourages students to be on-time and in-school every day, but also understands that there are legitimate reasons for students to be late or absent.
- Parents are the final authority as to whether or not it is safe for their individual child to get to school. Parents have the right and responsibility to make attendance decisions based on individual circumstances.
- Parents should notify the student's school as for any other absence.
- The absence may be excused and for high school students, it may not count against attendance incentives.

Other information:

- Parents should ensure that students are properly dressed for the weather on a daily basis. Bad weather can happen at any time of the day so students should be prepared for that eventuality. If your family needs assistance with cold weather attire, please talk to your student's principal.
- Each school has inclement weather procedures regarding building entrance upon arrival, recesses and bus dismissal waiting areas. Please consult your school's procedures for more information.

- For notification purposes, it is essential that parents keep the school updated on any changes in contact information.
- School closure is a serious decision and one that is rarely made.