



Whiteriver Unified School District No. 20

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WINTER WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS 2026-2027

When inclement weather causes concerns in relation to school operations due to the accumulation of snow and ice in the area, we will proceed as follows:

- The Superintendent will consult with the District Transportation Director and other assigned District Office Staff to determine an appropriate course of action relating to adjustments to the school day schedule. This will occur between 5:00 a.m. and 5:30 a.m.
- Decisions about the school day schedule will be made taking the following conditions into consideration:
 - Current weather conditions along with the short & long-term weather forecasts
 - Highway travel conditions from McNary and Cibecue to the Whiteriver area
 - Paved and unpaved road conditions that may impact bus routes
 - Conditions of school parking lots and school building access
- After considering the above conditions a decision will be made by 5:30 a.m. to do one of the following:

Option 1: Hold school on the regular daily schedule with no adjustments to the start time.

Option 2: Delay the start of school and bus pickups by two hours.

- Elementary start time is 10:45 a.m.
- Junior High start time is 9:30 a.m.
- High School start time is 9:30 a.m.
- Staff to report 30 minutes prior to start of classes
- **PLEASE NOTE: Breakfast is not served at the schools on delayed start days.**
- **Weather/travel conditions will be monitored and the decision to cancel school for the day will be made by 7:00 a.m.**

Option 3: Cancel school for the day.

- Notification of changes to the schedule will be announced as follows:
 - ✓ By 5:30 a.m. notification will be sent to District staff and students through the automated calling system (Bloomz) and posted on the District Facebook page.
 - ✓ By 6:00 a.m. **KNNB RADIO** will be notified to begin on-air radio announcements regarding the schedule change.
 - ✓ By 6:30 a.m. **White Mountain Radio, KWKM, 3TV/CBS5 News** will be notified to begin on-air radio announcements regarding the schedule change.
- District Office and School Offices will be open as soon as possible to answer calls. **If school is cancelled, all school offices are closed to the public and all school activities are canceled.**

NOTICE TO SCHOOL STAFF ONLY: Follow the Employee Guidelines for Emergency Schedule Changes to determine report/departure times.

WUSD, working together with community, will empower all students to achieve their highest potential, graduating prepared for higher learning and careers.

Schools are for Children; Schools are People Developers; Schools Belong to the Community; Self-Effort Educates