School Closings / Late Starts

School closures during periods of inclement weather are based upon several factors: weather conditions that are both current and predicted to occur during the course of the coming day, road conditions and closures, and the ability of the school sites to prepare for the arrival of students for that day. Decisions regarding school and district office closure are taken very seriously. Here are the factors that the district typically uses in making its evaluation: amount of current snowfall; strength of wind, drifting factor and visibility; temperature and wind chill factor; utility outages; local business closures; and weather forecasting.

Overnight, TSD employees monitor city, county and state roadways throughout the district and evaluate travel conditions. They also monitor conditions at district sites as well as road advisories. Neighboring school districts and city, county, and state agencies are also contacted to confirm delays or closures. The superintendent may announce a late start schedule for the opening of schools if weather or other emergency conditions are severe but not serious enough to close schools.

If the district decides to cancel school or initiate a late start because of inclement weather or other dangerous conditions, the announcement will be carried on radio and tv stations:

- KCOL 600 AM
- KTRR TRI-102.5
- 1610 AM
- KUNC 91.5 FM
- KGRE 1450 AM (Spanish)
- KFKA 1310 AM
- KBNO 1280 AM (Spanish)
- Denver television stations

The announcement will also be made via the district website, Facebook ("Thompson School District"), Twitter (@ThompsonR2J) and the district school closure line (970-613-6788). A phone call, e-mail and text message will be sent to all district families who have authorized the communication in the Infinite Campus "Parent Portal." Media sources will be contacted for both school closings and late starts.

When schools are closed, all athletic events and practices are canceled.

For more information on district "late starts" and how the schedule will be impacted when they are called, please [CLICK HERE](#).