



Hillman Community Schools Snow Day Closure Decision Making Process

The decision to close school includes several important factors. During the winter months when road conditions are the concern, the Superintendent of Hillman Community Schools works with the Transportation Supervisor, the Local Road Commission to check the road conditions in the operating district, and the AMA-ESD Superintendents. The individuals also check the National Weather Service for any important information.

Many things are taken into consideration when deciding to close school such as; temperature, road conditions, incoming weather concerns, and student drivers. The goal is to make the prediction of the conditions as soon as possible. The informed decision is made utilizing all the information possible. On the rare occasion when conditions change drastically, it may require a late closure or even an early release from school.

When temperature is the question, similar consultation occurs. There is no district policy listing an automatic temperature that results in closure. The general temperature expectation for closure is a sustained -15 to -20 degree wind chill. Frostbite is always a concern, and the risk is calculated using wind speed/air temperature and time of exposure. Hillman Community Schools will update; Facebook, our all call system to families, Hillman Community Schools App, and local area radio stations. If you have not signed up for our app and want to do so please see instructions on our website or contact the school office for information. This is the most effective way to stay informed of school closings and other important information.

We would like to remind our families that YOU are the best judge of the conditions at your individual location. As a parent, it is your right to decide if it is safe for your child to attend based on your individual situation. Please call the school to excuse your child if you decide it isn't safe for them to attend. Families that keep their child home should be sure to find out about work that was missed and make it up like they would for any absence.

Athletic Procedures

If our area is under a winter storm warning, or high wind advisory with blowing and drifting of snow, **all practices and games will be canceled.** When there is an early school dismissal because of weather, **all practices and games are canceled.**

Only Varsity Teams can practice if the weather advisories and warning have been canceled and roads have been plowed by 12:00 p.m. If there is going to be practice on a day when school has been canceled, the practice will be held in the afternoon, starting at 12:30 p.m. Contests that have both the JV and Varsity teams scheduled to play on the same night may play if advisories and warnings have been canceled. When school is closed due to temperatures, practices can be held in the afternoon starting at 12:30 p.m. Games can be played as scheduled.