

School Cancellation & Delays.

»» Please avoid calling the school about delays, cancellations or dismissals. Unless you see an announcement, assume school is running as usual.

Linn-Mar Community School District will not open when travel is too difficult to guarantee the safety of our students. If bad weather forces the closing of schools, we will utilize the following notification system to alert parents and staff of a delay or cancellation. Early closings and activity cancellations, due to adverse weather conditions or other

All delays, cancellations and early dismissals will be communicated on:

TV:	RADIO:
KWWL	WMT
KGAN	KMRY
KCRG	KKRQ
KFXA	KHAK
	KZIA
	KCKK

DISTRICT:
www.linnmar.k12.ia.us

Txtwire – emergency text notification service

emergencies, will be communicated in the same manner.

In cases where school is delayed or cancelled, please use the following guidelines for other programs/activities:

TWO HOUR DELAY

Little Lions Preschool

AM Cancelled

Before School Care

Will open at regular time.

High School, COMPASS, and SUCCESS Activities

AM Activities Cancelled

Middle School Activities

AM Activities Cancelled

Elementary Activities AM

Activities Cancelled

CANCELLATION

Little Lions Preschool

Cancelled

Blended Kindergarten (ECBP)

Cancelled

Before School Care

Regular all day schedule at regular school buildings.

High School, COMPASS, and SUCCESS Activities

PM Activities Cancelled pending ongoing weather conditions.

Middle School Activities

PM Activities Cancelled

Elementary Activities

PM Activities Cancelled

FAQ:

What happens when extreme weather threatens?

The safety of students and staff is the overriding, deciding factor. Since school is a safe, supervised setting for children the District tries to avoid early dismissals. **How do we decide to start, delay or cancel?**

The Superintendent decides whether or not to delay, cancel or dismiss early. As early as possible, information about weather and road conditions is gathered from various sources – including government agencies, meteorologists, and through personal inspection by school personnel.

Why don't all school districts make the same decision?

Sometimes road conditions in outlying areas vary from those in the city. Sometimes building conditions may vary. For example, there may be problems with heating and/or power.

Transportation

In the event of a delay or early dismissal, students normally transported in buses will be picked up and returned to the regular bus stop unless other arrangements have been previously made and communicated to the school.

Energy Related Early Dismissal

The District has an energy saving agreement with Alliant Energy to shut down power on the main campus should temperatures become too extreme (cold or hot). **Buildings that would be directly affected by a power shut down:**

Linn-Mar High School, Excelsior Middle School, Indian Creek Elementary and the Learning Resource Center.

Alliant Energy has agreed to give the district a two hour advance notice if a shutdown should be required. The following procedures are followed for energy-related dismissals.

Notification of Power Interruption for Energy Related Early Dismissals: 10:30 a.m. or earlier

Dismissal Time: Tune to local media or check the District website.

Lunch: Every effort will be made to serve the lunch meal prior to sending students home.

After School Care:

Children receiving the services will go home or to other child care arrangements as made by the parents.

After School/Evening

Activities: Cancelled

Scholastic Competition:

High School - As Scheduled; home events relocated. Middle School – Cancelled

Staff Responsibilities:

Professional but they must leave the closed buildings.

After 10:30 a.m. Dismissal Time:

Tune to local media or log on to District website.

Lunch: Will be served following the early dismissal schedule.

After School Care: Indian Creek's participating students would be relocated to Westfield.

After School/Evening Activities:

Cancelled **Interscholastic**

Competition: High School - As Scheduled; home events relocated.

Middle School - Cancelled **Staff**

Responsibilities: Standard early dismissal guidelines.

Other Emergencies: The Linn-Mar Community School District has Crisis Management Guidelines that outline procedures for all types of emergencies and incidents that might occur. Evacuation and relocation is always a possibility.

As a secondary communication channel, the District uses local media, Facebook and Twitter during such emergencies for procedures to follow when picking up your student(s).