



2007-2008

School Cancellations, Delays & Releases

In some circumstances school will have to be delayed or cancelled. In rare cases, students will be released early from school. In the case of such an event please use the following guidelines.

	Two Hour Delay	Cancellation	Two Hour Early Release
Little Lions	AM Cancelled	Cancelled	PM Cancelled
Alternative Kindergarten	AM Cancelled	Cancelled	PM Cancelled
Before/After School Care	Will open at regular time.	Regular all day schedule at regular school buildings.	Will begin immediately after school dismisses.
High School Activities	AM Activities Cancelled	PM Activities Cancelled Pending ongoing weather conditions.	Weather permitting.
Middle School Activities	AM Activities Cancelled	PM Activities Cancelled	PM Activities Cancelled
Elementary Activities	AM Activities Cancelled	PM Activities Cancelled	PM Activities Cancelled

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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, weather and road condition information are 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.

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



RADIO:

600 AM 88.3 FM
800 AM 94.1 FM
1360 AM 96.5 FM
1450 AM 98.1 FM
100.7 FM 102.9 FM
104.5 FM

TV:

KWWL 7
KGAN 2
KCRG 9

DISTRICT:

Centerpoint website
SNS notification (email or cell phone)

To sign up for SNS notification on your PCS phone go to www.linnmar.k12.ia.us.

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.



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

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). The schools that would be directly affected by a power shut down are: Linn-Mar High School

- Excelsior Middle School
- Novak Elementary
- Indian Creek Elementary

Alliant Energy has agreed to give the district a two hour advance notice if a shut down 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	After 10:30 a.m.
Schools Affected: Linn-Mar High School, Excelsior Middle School, Novak Elementary School, Indian Creek Elementary School	Schools Affected: All
Dismissal Time: Tune to local media or log on to Centerpoint.	Dismissal Time: Tune to local media or log on to Centerpoint.
Lunch: Every effort will be made to serve the lunch meal prior to sending students home.	Lunch: Will be served following the early dismissal schedule.
After School Care: Children receiving the services will go home or to <u>other</u> child care arrangements as made by the parents	After School Care: Relocate to Powered Sites: Novak (Hand in Hand) - location determined by daycare provider Indian Creek (Kids Inc) - participating students relocated to Westfield
After School/Evening Activities: Cancelled	After School/Evening Activities: Cancelled
Scholastic Competition: High School - As Scheduled; home events relocated. Middle School - Cancelled	Interscholastic Competition: High School - As Scheduled; home events relocated. Middle School - Cancelled
Staff Responsibilities: Professional but they must leave the closed buildings.	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.

Tune to local media, SNS or log on to Centerpoint during such emergencies for procedures to follow when picking up your student(s).