

## District Procedures

Birdville ISD is dedicated to the safety of students and staff. With the onset of winter, and

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### Frequently Asked Questions

How are decisions made to cancel school?

To determine school closings, District administrative staff will monitor weather conditions throughout the day or night. If conditions are questionable in the early morning hours, staff will travel roads to inspect the conditions. The District strives to make the best decision possible for the safety of students and staff with the information available at that time.

When would I get the call that school is canceled or delayed?

In an effort to notify parents as soon as possible so arrangements can be made, normally a decision to cancel school is made prior to 5:30 a.m.; however, sometimes it is difficult to cancel school if conditions do not exist prior to 5:30 a.m. For this reason, staff uses weather radar to determine if deteriorating weather conditions are

How can I find out if school will be canceled or delayed?

The District uses the following methods to communicate inclement weather closings or delays:

- x Local media: Channels 4, 5, 8, 11 and 33, and most major radio stations.– Keep in mind that media will be slower in communicating closures and delays than BISD's resources.
- x BISD Resources
  - o BISD website – [www.birdvilleschools.net](http://www.birdvilleschools.net)
  - o Facebook– <https://www.facebook.com/birdvilleschools>
  - o Twitter – <https://twitter.com/birdvilleschool>
  - o Phone calls to the student's primary number in Skyward
    - o BISD's main switchboard voice mail: 817-547-5700

What is the schedule when the District announces a two -hour delay?

- x Elementary Schools: 10 a.m. (this includes morning PreK: 10 a.m.-Noon; afternoon Pre-K: 12:30 – 3:25 p.m.)
- x High Schools: 9:30 a.m. and Shannon HS: 9:45 a.m. (BCTAL students report to home campus)
- x Middle Schools: 10:40 a.m.
- x District Offices:9:30 a.m.

Why would BISD call for a two- hour delay as opposed to canceling school for the day?

If weather conditions would not permit safe travel for students and staff in the