

## Port Edwards School District

# 2026-27 School Closures & Delay Guidelines

October 2026

A school closure can occur at any time during the school year due to unpredictable situations (burst water mains, etc.) or more commonly because of hazardous weather or roads.

### **Types of school winter weather delays & closings:**

- **School cancellation:** Normally scheduled school will be canceled if:
  - The wind chill is predicted to be at -30 degrees Fahrenheit or colder for the time period from 6:30 – 8:00 am, without any warning.
  - Roads are judged to be too dangerous for travel that day.
- **2-hour delays:** School will be delayed generally 2 hours if:
  - The wind chill is predicted to be – 30 degrees Fahrenheit or colder at 6:30 a.m., but warmer following that time.
  - If a 2-hour delay is called, classes will begin at 10:00 at JEMS/JEHS, and 10:20 at Ed Heuer Elementary.
- **Early releases:** Students may be released and sent home from school earlier than normal if:
  - extremely cold or severe winter weather appears imminent, and early departure is determined to be safer than leaving at normal school dismissal time.

### **How families will be contacted if the decision is made to close school:**

- Whenever school is closed, families that have their phone numbers registered with the Port Edwards School District will receive an alert telephone call via the Infinite Campus message system.
- The school district will make every attempt possible to publicize delays and closings on local radio, television, and social media sites.