



Argos Community Schools Winter Weather & eLearning Guidelines



Argos Schools guidelines are implemented everytime there is a consideration of delaying school or having an eLearning day.

We understand that our school decision affects families and staff in a variety of ways. With this in mind and with safety as our primary concern, we share the following information about the decision process:

1. We drive the roads (4:00 - 5:00 a.m.) in the Argos Community to assess safety conditions.
2. We review State and County advisories for the day.
3. We communicate with other school districts in Marshall County and surrounding area.
4. The Superintendent makes a decision based on all the information to delay or cancel school based on the safety of our students and staff.

Typically, decisions to **delay school** are based on factors such as:

1. Allowing more time for road crews to clear roads and for our staff to clear driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots
2. Waiting for daylight to help buses and cars see students standing in roads if bus stops are not cleared from snow
3. Giving buses more time to warm up and deal with any mechanical issues that may arise due to cold temperatures
4. Checking the accuracy of weather forecasts because they do not always materialize as originally predicted
5. In some cases, a couple of hours can make a difference with temperatures warming

Typically, decisions to **use an eLearning day** for inclement weather are based on factors such as:

1. Roads being unpassable
2. Buses not running

3. County/state weather emergencies or road closures

Teachers will be available and support will be provided on eLearning for inclement weather days through email. Parents and students can access the eLearning link on our District website for assignments.

Parents often ask why delays and eLearning announcements are typically called in the morning (and sometimes at the last minute) instead of the night before. While we realize this timing can be more challenging for some parents, our top priority is for school to be in session as long as it's safe to do so. Most often there is a need to study forecasts, drive roads, and assess conditions in the early morning as weather and road conditions change frequently.

We also use the National Weather Service wind chill chart to study temperatures/wind chills and length of time allowed outside before frostbite is a risk. On extremely cold days, outdoor recesses and activities may be cancelled even if school is in session.

Notifications regarding weather delays, eLearning days and closings for Argos Schools will be communicated through the following means:

- Parent/staff email through the email address on file
- Parent/staff phone call through the phone number on file
- Parent/staff text through the cell phone number on file
- Local TV media outlets

We advise all parents and staff to provide current contact information to your school office. The Skylert communication system is also used in the case of emergencies.

Student and staff safety is always our main concern!