

DeForest Area School District
Administrative Regulation

TITLE: SCHOOL DELAYS/CLOSING DUE TO EXTREME COLD TEMPERATURES OR WIND CHILL	NUMBER: AR 3.7(10)
<i>Executive Limitation: EL 3, Treatment of Staff (3.7 – Expectations for Working and Learning Environment)</i>	
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School may be delayed or closed due to extreme cold conditions. Below are guidelines to assist the District Administrator in determining if/when to delay or cancel school as a result of extreme cold.

Wind Chills

If a wind chill advisory is issued, schools would remain in session. If a wind chill warning is issued, school starts would be delayed or closed for the day depending upon the duration of the warning.

If a wind chill warning is in effect from midnight through 8:00 AM, for example, schools might be delayed for 2 hours until the warning expired.

If a wind chill warning is in effect from midnight through 12:00 PM, for example and because early release decisions have to be made by 11:00 AM, schools might very well be closed for the day.

Air Temperature

School may be delayed or closed if the air temperature is twenty below zero Fahrenheit (-20F) with calm winds. The decision to delay versus cancel will depend on when/if the forecast projects the temperature rising above this temperature using the same guidelines as identified above for wind chill temperatures.

Note: The National Weather Service issues wind chill advisories when the wind chill temperature is twenty below zero Fahrenheit (-20F), or colder, with winds of at least ten miles per hour. A wind chill warning is issued when the wind chill temperature is thirty-five below zero Fahrenheit (-35F), or colder, with winds of at least ten miles per hour.