Winter Weather Plan 2016 - 2017

The safety and well being of students and staff is our top priority, and the decision to close school is no simple matter. Before deciding to close school due to extreme winter weather conditions, Sauk Rapids-Rice Superintendent Daniel Bittman consults with a variety of experts both inside and outside of the District, which include, but are not limited to City, County, and Transportation Officials throughout the area, as well as Superintendents from St. Cloud Area Schools, Sartell-St. Stephen, Foley, Holdingford, and Becker. We remain committed to keeping families, staff and the community members both safe and informed of weather-related school closings and cancelations.

Please note that school officials continually monitor the forecast from various sites including the National Weather Service (http://www.weather.gov) and St. Cloud State University (http://www.stcloudstate.edu/weather/).

### Cold Day
Closing due to temperature or wind chill

School will be delayed or canceled if the forecast* for 6:00 a.m. the following morning:

- Decisions will be made by 10:00 p.m. the night before a delay or cancellation (when possible)
- Notification will be sent directly to families through the District’s notification system (i.e. Skylert), and will be posted on the District Website [www.isd47.org](http://www.isd47.org)
- Notification will also be sent to media outlets (T.V., newspaper, and radio)

### Snow Day
Closing due to hazardous driving conditions

School will be delayed or canceled if heavy snow and/or icy conditions make it extremely hazardous or impossible for school buses to travel their routes and for employees and students to arrive safely.

- Decision will be made by 5:30 a.m. the morning of the delay or cancellation
- Notification will be sent directly to families through the District’s notification system (i.e. Skylert), and will be posted on the District Website [www.isd47.org](http://www.isd47.org)
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### Cancelations include

- Classes and programs at all PreK-12 schools
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Afterschool programs and extra-curricular activities
- Storm After-School
- Rice Kid’s Club
- KIDSTOP
- Field Trips
- School Events
- Athletics/Activities
- Community Education Classes
- All Buildings are Closed
- Storm Kid’s Club at Hillside

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### Same Day Weather Cancelations

#### Early Dismissals
Canceling classes and after-school activities due to weather conditions that are expected to worsen throughout the school day.

Decisions to dismiss classes early are expected to be made by 11:00 a.m. and/or as soon as possible to ensure proper communication and transportation arrangements are made.

#### After School Activities/Athletics
Canceling after-school activities due to weather conditions that are expected to worsen throughout the school day.

Decisions to cancel afterschool athletics and activities are expected to be made as soon as possible to ensure proper communication, but no later than the end of the student instructional day.

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*Forecast is determined using information from the National Weather Service.

**Diesel-fueled buses may not start or remain running when air temperature is below -25 degrees.

***All Activities/Athletics/School Events will be canceled unless otherwise and specifically noted.