



AVONDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SNOW DAY DECISION PROTOCOLS

What Goes Into a Snow Day Decision?

Calling a Snow Day is never simple—it impacts every student, family, and staff member. Timing matters too; while we try to announce early, unpredictable weather sometimes forces last-minute decisions.

Here's how the process works and what we consider:

Safety First

The safety of students and staff is always our top priority.

Who We Consult

- A National Weather Service meteorologist
- All other Oakland County Districts plus Oakland Schools in a conference call (that includes a meteorologist)
- Oakland County Road Commission
- Our transportation department

What We Consider

- Road conditions: dirt roads, lake-effect areas, and what other districts are experiencing
- Accumulated or expected snowfall before and during the school day
- Ice or freezing rain before or after school
- Road crews' ability to clear major and neighborhood roads, plus sidewalk safety
- Sustained wind chills of -20° or colder (per Oakland Intermediate Schools)
- Building conditions (heat and electricity)

When We Decide

Superintendents typically talk the night before and again early in the morning before the first buses roll.



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How We Announce

Once the decision is made, you'll hear from Dr. Schwarz via phone call. We'll also post on the District and school websites, Facebook, and share updates with major radio and TV outlets:

- Radio: WJR 760 AM, WWJ 950 AM
- TV: WJBK (Ch. 2), WDIV (Ch. 4), WXYZ (Ch. 7)

After-School Activities

Usually canceled, but if conditions improve, some events may still happen.

A Note About Snow Days

The state allows 6 Snow Days without penalty. More than 6 requires a waiver or added make-up days.