

LEWIS-PALMER SCHOOL DISTRICT 38
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

HOW D38 COMMUNICATES WEATHER-RELATED CLOSURES AND DELAYS

Information regarding school closings and two-hour delayed starts is posted on the [D38 websites](#) between 5:00-5:30 a.m. on severe weather days. In the event a delayed start becomes a closure, the information should be posted before 7:30 a.m.

The website also displays the latest information on evening activities when weather conditions worsen during the course of a day.

In addition to website postings, LPSD also utilizes emails, texts, D38 mobile app notifications, Facebook, Twitter, and local news stations to alert families of weather related information. This redundancy provides families with options on how to obtain information and provides back-ups in case one method is unavailable.

BEFORE SCHOOL IS CANCELED FOR THE DAY, DISTRICT 38 WILL

- Make inclement weather decisions based on student, parent, and staff safety.
- Collect data at the earliest appropriate time. Administrators will check with the National Weather Service, El Paso County Department of Transportation, area law enforcement agencies, and other area school districts. Several D38 personnel will drive selected district roads.

IN THE EVENT SCHOOL IS CANCELED FOR THE DAY, DISTRICT 38 WILL

- Make the decision as soon as possible and post information on the website in addition to notifying the media. Families will receive an email and text (if signed up for this service).
- Cancel all field trips, after-school and evening activities, athletic events, and meetings in all buildings.
- Close the District Administration offices.

YMCA students will be at the Tri-Lakes YMCA; child care (if possible) will begin at 8:00 a.m.

PARENTS:

- ✓ Make arrangements for the care of your children in the event school is canceled.
- ✓ Check the D38 website and communication platforms for updates.

IN THE EVENT OF A WEATHER-RELATED TWO-HOUR DELAYED START, DISTRICT 38 WILL

- Make the decision as soon as possible to delay the start of school by two hours if it appears that the weather and road conditions may improve. The decision will be communicated on the D38 website and as described above.
- Begin bus pick-up times two hours later than normal.
- Make a decision to change the delayed start to a closure if weather and road conditions do not appear to be improving. This change will be announced on the District 38 website and on other platforms as described above.

Morning kindergarten classes will start at 10:45 a.m., and morning preschool will begin at 10:55 a.m. Afternoon classes will begin at regular times.

No Career Starts transportation will be provided to Pikes Peak Community College or International Salon and Spa Academy on weather-related delayed start days.

YMCA childcare will be at each school on weather-related delayed start days unless otherwise communicated.

PARENTS:

- ✓ Arrange for the care of your children until the bus arrives.
- ✓ Check the D38 website.
- ✓ Verify that your contact information is current.
- ✓ Decide whether or not to send students to school on inclement weather days.
- ✓ Send children to school at the delayed start time rather than the normal time.

IN THE EVENT OF A WEATHER-RELATED EARLY DISMISSAL, DISTRICT 38 WILL

- Notify families via email, text, website banners, Facebook, Twitter, the D38 mobile app, and local news stations when a decision is made to dismiss classes early due to inclement weather (usually by 10:00 a.m.). The most current information will be on the District 38 website.
- Cancel afternoon kindergarten classes and afternoon preschool programs.
- Transport eligible students home on buses.

The YMCA will not provide after-school child care on days with an early dismissal.

PARENTS:

- ✓ Check for early dismissal information on bad weather days.
- ✓ Make sure students know in advance what to do and where to go if dismissed early. Do not rely on making last-minute arrangements for students.
- ✓ Confirm that your Early Dismissal Plan (if applicable) is on file at your child's school.

Please note:

LPSD38 will not penalize students if parents/guardians keep them home on inclement weather days. Parents/guardians need to report student absences to their schools.

Due to the varied geographic nature of the school district, weather conditions that exist in one portion of the district may not exist at other locations. If dangerous weather conditions exist, no matter the location, district school operations may be delayed or suspended.

In addition, inclement weather can cause longer bus route times, and buses may run late. Your cooperation in meeting adjusted times is appreciated. Parents are expected to monitor their children at the bus stop until the bus arrives.

Thank you for trusting us with the safety of your children. Lewis-Palmer School District 38 takes this responsibility seriously.