



UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Weather Related School Attendance

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue through periods of changing and sometimes severe weather, I would like to take a moment to remind families of their rights and options regarding school attendance during these conditions.

Union School District makes every effort to make informed decisions about school attendance that reflect the needs of our families while prioritizing the safety of our students. We recognize that each family's circumstances are different and may include challenges related to transportation, work schedules, childcare, or road conditions. Please also be mindful that in some situations, our school may provide the warmest environment and the only source of a warm meal for children. Although an alternate decision may be more accommodating for you, it may be detrimental to someone else.

While the District carefully monitors weather forecasts and travel conditions when making decisions about school operations, parents and guardians retain the right to determine whether it is safe for their child to travel to school. If you believe that weather conditions make travel unsafe for your child, you may choose to keep them home and use one of the ten parental excuse days permitted each school year.

We also value open and respectful communication. If you have concerns or suggestions you would like the administration to consider, we encourage you to contact your child's school directly to schedule a conversation. Direct communication allows us to better understand your perspective and work collaboratively toward meaningful solutions. Concerns shared through informal channels, such as social media or word of mouth, are less likely to reach those who can address them effectively.

Thank you for your continued partnership, understanding, and commitment to the safety and well-being of our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Kimmel
Superintendent
Union School District