



WINTER WEATHER PLAN

The Eau Claire Area School District evaluates several factors before choosing to declare a **Winter Emergency Day** or delay the start of the school day due to hazardous winter weather. The District consults with a variety of internal and external experts including transportation and municipalities. We continually monitor the forecast from the [National Weather Service](#) in order to make the best decision for students.

Criteria for Declaring Winter Emergency Day

The Eau Claire Area School District may shift to a **Winter Emergency Day** due to a variety of weather conditions. **The decision to shift to a Winter Emergency Day will be made by 5:45 a.m.** Depending on the forecasted weather conditions, the ECASD may declare either a Snow Emergency Day or a Cold Emergency Day.

Winter Emergency Days communicated through a message to all families on Skyward, posted on the website, and shared with local media

All decisions regarding Winter Emergency Days will be based on the safety of the students and staff and the potential for having enough students in attendance to justify face-to-face instruction.

Snow Emergency Day

Snow, ice, high winds, severe drifting--both existing and predicted

*Under certain conditions, mainly snow covered or icy roads, school may be delayed one or two hours.

Cold Emergency Day

-30° F temperature threshold and -30° F wind chill threshold using new National Weather Service guide (-50° wind chill threshold with old index).

Note: The threshold levels are points at which severe cold will be considered as a factor in declaring an emergency day in conjunction with other relevant facts and conditions that might be present. *The threshold levels are not automatic.* School may or may not be moved to virtual because of severe cold depending upon all factors that need to be considered and the Superintendent's decision.

*Under certain conditions, mainly a significant early morning warm up, school may be delayed one or two hours.

Criteria for Canceling After-School Activities

- In the event of school closing or early dismissal, all extra and co-curricular activities scheduled for that day are canceled for all students.