



Winter Weather Announcement –

FUSD would like to make sure that all members of the FUSD community have the information on how winter schedule changes are decided and how you can get the information.

As we get ready for winter, FUSD would like to remind our families of winter schedules. By 5 a.m., FUSD will make daily schedule decisions according to current and forecasted weather. At that time any schedule changes will be posted on the FUSD website, Facebook page and Twitter (@FlagstaffUSD). All families will be notified by recorded phone call at approximately 6 am. You can sign up on the FUSD website for text messages through the “Register” tab at the top of the page and you will receive notification as soon as it is posted that the snow page has been changed. FUSD also informs the local media of any schedule changes.

The process of calling a snow day or delayed start is one FUSD takes very seriously. We check satellite weather forecasts, storm time frames, and pay close attention to road closures set by the Arizona Department of Transportation, as well as the plowing schedules for the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County. The team checking road conditions compare notes from all over the district. Part of that equation involves the sheer size of FUSD, which covers 4,500 square miles, stretching from Cameron and Leupp in the north and east to Munds Park to the south and past Cheshire in the northwest. Because of the geographic differences over our county, the weather and accumulated snowfall is often inconsistent in each neighborhood. Nearly half of FUSD students rely on a school bus to get to school and we take into account the ability of the buses to safely navigate all of our neighborhoods.

In the case of a Snow Day School Cancellation, all schools, programs (including FACTS), and activities will be canceled for the entire day, including evening activities.

If FUSD makes the decision to have a Delayed Start all schools will begin 2 hours after the usual start time. If a Delayed Start occurs on a scheduled Early Release Day, the early release is canceled. The FACTS program does operate during Delayed Start days and opens at 7:30.

While we know that canceling school is difficult for families to accommodate, our decision is based on our best estimation that students can safely get to and from school.