

Weather Policy

Due to the unpredictable winter weather in Minnesota the Circle of Life Academy may choose to either delay the start of the school day or to Cancel school for the day.

The safety of all students is the first priority when determining if school should remain open in extreme winter weather. The decision to close school is a serious one, and Circle of Life Academy Administration relies on information from the National Weather Service and local forecasts in making this determination. The factors that are considered are the actual air temperature, Wind Chills and amount of precipitation. We also need to ensure that the buses can run reliably and safely depending upon the condition of the roads.

School Late Starts and or Closings will occur when the air temperature is -25° F, or below and or the Wind Chill is -35° F or below, and more than 8 inches of snow has fallen in the past 24 hours. In the case of extreme winter weather, Parents/guardians have the final decision on whether or not to send their children to school. If school is open, students are expected to attend. However, if parents/guardians feel their children would be in danger, they can choose to keep them home. The absence will be excused if the parent/guardian calls to report their decision prior to the start of school.

School late starts, early dismissals or cancellations due to the weather will be announced on local news sites (KVLV & KXJB TV) as well as the Infinite Campus Messenger System, COLA Website and the COLA Facebook page. You will need to contact the school office to update your information in the Infinite Campus Messenger System. You may choose to receive alerts on your home phone, cell phone or both.

Families are encouraged to monitor their children's clothing selections to make sure they are appropriately dressed for winter's cold weather conditions.

- Dress in layers
- Long Sleeved shirt, sweatshirt or sweaters
- Heavy Winter coat
- Gloves or mittens
- Winter headwear
- Winter snow-boots