

Farmington Winter Weather Reminders

Farmington Public Schools closely monitors winter weather conditions to ensure the safety of our students, families, and staff. When snow, ice, or hazardous conditions may impact travel, FPS determines whether school will open on time, delay, or close — **with safety as our top priority**.

How FPS Decides on Delays or Closures

District officials:

- Review updated weather forecasts
- Monitor roadway and sidewalk conditions
- Drive bus routes early to check bridges, hills, and areas prone to freezing
- Coordinate with local agencies when needed

Typical Decision Timeline:

Most delay/closure decisions are made **between 5:30–6:00 a.m.** If conditions are clear earlier, announcements may be made the night before.

How FPS Communicates Weather Announcements

FPS will notify families and staff through:

- **Mass text alerts**
- **Phone calls**
- **Email notifications**
- **FPS website** www.farmcards.org
- **District social media:** Facebook, Instagram, X
- **Local news outlets**

Please check multiple platforms to ensure you receive updates promptly.

What a Delay Means

When FPS announces a delayed start:

- **Buses run 1–2 hours later than usual**
- **School drop-off times shift accordingly**
- **Breakfast service may be adjusted**
- **Morning practices, tutoring, and activities are canceled unless otherwise stated**

What an Early Release Means

When FPS announces that school is dismissed early:

- **Buses run before the regular 3:00 PM dismissal**
- **Student drop-off times will be moved up accordingly**
- **Lunch service may be adjusted**
- **All afternoon and K-12 after-school practices, tutoring, after-school programming, and games are cancelled unless otherwise notified,.**

Always follow official FPS communications for specific building-level guidance.

Stay Connected: Don't Miss Updates

To ensure you receive every weather-related message:

1. Verify Your Contact Information

If you are not receiving FPS text alerts, contact your child's school office to update your phone number.

2. Subscribe to Email Updates

Make sure you are on your school's and district's email lists.

3. Follow FPS on Social Media

Get timely updates from the district's official accounts.

- X- @farmcards
- Insta- farmcardsar
- Facebook- Farmington AR School District

Family Winter Prep Checklist

- ✓ Update contact information with your school
- ✓ Have a backup plan for delayed starts or closures
- ✓ Follow FPS social media pages
- ✓ Prepare winter gear for students who ride the bus