

# School Closure Information

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Below you will find the procedures that Platte County School District #1 will follow in the event there is a need for school closure due to adverse weather conditions.

Emergency closure information will be communicated via the **Connect 5 Emergency Notification System** and the radio stations listed below. Please check with your PowerSchool Administrator, Judy Miller or Jamie Wilson, to update your telephone numbers for the Connect 5 Emergency Notification System.

*KZEW 101.7 FM Wheatland, WY*  
*KYCN 1340 AM Wheatland, WY*

**Option 1 Full Closure:** When this option is implemented, students and staff members are not required to attend school. This day will be made up on a date to be decided at a later time after consulting with the Wyoming Department of Education.

**Option 2 Late Start Time:** When this option is utilized, school officials will work with the Platte County Road Department and district transportation personnel to determine if students and staff members can travel safely to their school sites. School will begin at the time determined by the Superintendent. In some instances certain students or staff members may not be able to gain access to their school sites. The district will communicate with individual families when it is apparent that they may not be transported to school because of drifting snow or other weather conditions. Staff members will be provided substitutes if these same conditions exist for them. Food services will be in operation on these late start dates.

**Option 3 Early Dismissal:** When the weather conditions begin to deteriorate after students have already arrived at a school site, the district will communicate with the Platte County Road Department and district transportation personnel to determine if the road conditions necessitate the early release of students. Students will be transported as safely as possible with all necessary precautions considered. Staff members will be released only after all students have left the building site. Food service for students and staff will depend on the time that the decision to close the schools is announced.

**Option 4 Buses Not Running:** When this option is utilized, school officials will work with the Platte County Road Department and district transportation personnel to determine if students can be transported safely to their school sites. The district will notify the students and staff as soon as possible of selected buses that will not be running for the entire day due to drifting or blowing snow, high winds, and decreased visibility. Please note that if you bring your child to school, you will need to pick them up in the afternoon.

**Most importantly,** when winter weather conditions exist and you choose to keep your child home, it is a weather related excused absence. Consider the safety of your children if you choose to transport them to and from school as conditions in your area may be significantly different. The Wyoming winter weather can and will continue to be challenging. PCSD#1 is committed to making sound, safe, decisions as we navigate through the winter months. We appreciate your support.