



Winter Weather Plan

MONTPELIER PUBLIC SCHOOL

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

The winter weather plan will provide information for students, staff, parents/guardians in preparation for school cancellations and/or delays. This information is intended to serve as a resource for our school community and will be available on our school website at <http://614-new.montpelier.k12.nd.us/>.

How do we make decisions to cancel or delay school?

Montpelier Public School will make weather-related decisions based upon the following factors:

- Temperatures/Wind-Chill (current and/or expected)
- Snow Totals (current and/or expected)
- Forecasted Duration of the Inclement Weather
- Visibility Conditions (current and/or expected)
- Road Conditions (current and/or expected)
- Alerts from the National Weather Service

When and how will you be notified of a delay or cancellation?

- We will provide notice of delays or cancellations as soon as possible. Please keep this in mind as conditions are constantly changing. We may be giving notice of delays or no school as early as 6:00 AM.
- We would like to give advance notice as possible. At times we may announce school to start late the night before and make a final determination once we are aware of conditions in the morning.

Information regarding school cancellations or delays will be sent to staff and parents/guardians using the Phone Alert System. In addition, announcements will also be made using the following systems:

- Staff and Community Email Listservs (if you would like to be on the Email Listservs please call our school office at 701.489.3348 to get put on the list)
- School website (<http://614-new.montpelier.k12.nd.us/>)
- Social Media (Facebook - "Montpelier Public School")

How will we know when school begins if school is delayed?

It may be necessary to delay the start of school due to winter weather. If this decision is made, a modified schedule will be followed for the school day:

- 1) **One Hour Delay**- School starts at 9:40 AM for all Grades PK-12. Bus pick up time for bus students will be approximately 1 hour later than their normal pick up time (ex. 7:40 AM Normal – 8:40 AM One-hour Delay)
- 2) **Two Hours Delay**- School starts at 10:40 AM for Grades PK-12. Bus pick up time for bus students will be approximately 2 hours later than their normal pick up time (ex. 7:40 AM Normal – 9:40 AM Two-hour Delay)
- 3) **Virtual Learning Day**- School policy allows for Virtual Learning Days. We will use this policy as conditions allow, but only after we have used our two designated storm make up days. The expectations for students will be posted on the school website and communicated to them by teachers.

The district will NOT serve breakfast on late start school days.

When will we know if Activities have been canceled or rescheduled?

All decisions related to the cancellation or postponement of school activities due to the weather will be made as soon as possible and communicated to students, coaches, and parents/guardians. If school is canceled or dismissed early due to the weather conditions, there will be no after school activities (including practices).

School Bus, Martin Time Bus and Activity Bus Information

- It is the responsibility of each parent/guardian to ensure that their child has proper winter clothing. This includes: winter jacket, gloves and a winter hat. If students do not have these items, they will be asked to go back to their homes and get what is needed.
- Montpelier Public School strives to ensure our buses are in proper working order. If a bus is not in proper working order the driver will contact all riders. The district will make every effort to get students to school and communicate those efforts to parents/guardians as appropriate.

Please contact the school office at 701.489.3348 and/or school superintendent Phil Leitner at phil.leitner@k12.nd.us if you have any questions regarding the winter weather plan. Our priority in making weather-related school decisions will always be the safety of our students and staff at Montpelier Public Schools.

