



REFRIGERATOR NOTE

SCHOOL DISRUPTIONS DUE TO EMERGENCIES INFO

Assume that school will be in session and buses will be running as scheduled unless there is official notification from the Superintendent to the contrary.

The Superintendent may order the cancellation of some or all bus routes; the delay of some or all bus routes; the closure of school; the delay of school start; and/or the early dismissal of school.

Parents should seek out information but try not to call the school. Notification may be made or accessed in the following ways:

- *Mass phone and/or voicemail notification from the GFPS automated attendance system (Edulink)
 - **The school MUST have current contact information for this to work.**
- GFPS Twitter: @GFPublicSchools
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreatFallsPublicSchools>
- GFPS Website: www.gfps.k12.mt.us
- Media Twitter and websites: @KRTV, www.krtv.com, @KFBB, www.kfbb.com, @GFTribune, www.greatfallstribune.com
- Radio Stations: FM: 92.9, 94.5, 97.9, 98.9, 101.7, 102.7, 104.9, and 106.1
AM: 560 and 1450

Please be aware that GFPS has no control over media or radio station announcements.

- Call 406-268-6444 for a recorded message (you may reach a busy signal depending on caller volume)



Be sure to access the Crisis Manager App on your phone for additional directions.



***Edulink notifications will only be made when large groups of parents need to do something (i.e. keep students home, pick students up, etc.). Mass phone and voicemail notifications are not sent for announcements that do not require parents to take action of some kind.**

Information about Edulink and Crisis Manager can be found at this website:

www.gfps.k12.mt.us/students/safety

Please note: If the decision is to operate as usual, there will NOT be postings or announcements.

Parents have the right and responsibility to make attendance decisions for your children based on your individual circumstances.

WINTER WEATHER TIPS

- **Dress for the Weather!**

- Dress appropriately for cold weather – sweaters, pants, winter coats, hats, scarves, socks and boots. Even when on a bus, the bus may not heat well in extreme cold. While unlikely, the bus may break down or get stuck. If your family needs assistance with cold weather attire, please talk to your student's principal.
- Bad weather can happen at any time of the day so students should be prepared for that eventuality. Keep track of weather reports. A nice morning can turn into a freezing snowstorm by dismissal time. If your family needs assistance with cold weather attire, please talk to your student's principal.
- Wear bright jackets or coats so drivers can easily see you in the morning or evening.

- **Plan Ahead!**

- Allow extra travel time to get to the bus stop or school.
- In bad weather, expect the bus to run late and be prepared for this event. If possible, wait at the bus stop with your child until the bus arrives. Students need the ability to get out of the elements in the event the bus is late. Make a plan for your child should the bus not come.

- **Keep a Safe Zone!**

- Be predictable. Walk on sidewalks. Only use crosswalks to cross streets.
- Stand at least 10 steps away (or back) from bus stops. Buses need extra room to stop where there is snow or ice.
- Do not walk or play on snow mounds or ice within 10 feet of the roadway – you could fall and slip into the roadway and be at risk of being struck by a vehicle.
- Do not cross the street at your bus stop until all traffic has come to a complete stop and the bus driver has signaled that it is safe to cross.

- **Be Alert!**

- Car drivers should keep their car windows clear of frost, ice and snow.
- Stop! Look! Listen! Hoodies, headphones and electronic devices can distract students from paying attention to traffic.