

BANQUETE ISD EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE AND TWO-HOUR DELAY PROCEDURES

The Superintendent will determine when it is necessary to have a two-hour delay at the start of a school day, close district schools or dismiss students early in the event of hazardous conditions which threaten the safety or health of students or staff members.

In making a determination to have a two-hour delay at the start of a school day, close schools or dismiss students early due to inclement weather, the Superintendent will consult with representatives from the Superintendent's Cabinet, which includes: transportation, Facilities, and campus administrators. In consulting with District personnel the Superintendent may consider a variety of factors that impact transportation to and from schools as well as operation of facilities.

The following factors may be taken into account as appropriate:

- District-specific weather forecasts;
- Local and state weather forecasts;
- Recommendations of public safety agencies;
- Closings of neighboring school districts;
- Amount of precipitation/accumulation, wind speed, temperature;
- The current condition of roads and walk paths throughout the District.

District personnel will drive throughout the District overnight and throughout the morning to assess conditions and report to the Superintendent or designee by 5:30 a.m. so that the Superintendent can make a determination no later than 6:00 a.m.

A two-hour delay may be announced if temporary adverse weather conditions exist in the morning, including but not limited to high winds, cold temperatures or unfavorable road conditions during morning travel time.

In the event of an announced delayed start, **morning bus pick-up times and the school day will start two (2) hours after the normal start time** at every grade level and the following items shall be in effect:

- School will end at its normal time;
- Afternoon Bus departure times will not be adjusted;
- Morning bus pick-up will be two (2) hours after the normal pick-up. For example, if on a normal day, bus pick-up time is 7:35 a.m., on a two-hour delay, bus pick-up time will be 9:35 a.m..