

Weather- Related School Closing Information

T.R.U.T.H Preparatory Academy (TPA) recognizes that cancelling or early dismissal from school is a complex decision that impacts scholars, staff, and families. We understand that cancelling or dismissing scholars early from school may cause undue hardships related to childcare, supervision and transportation.

The primary criteria when making a decision to cancel or close school early include:

- Safety- the safety and wellbeing of scholars and staff are our primary concern
- Severity of weather-temperature and wind chill
- Timing of weather-overnight, during school or while scholars are transported
- Transportation-ability of buses and cars to travel safely

When inclement weather is forecasted, Administration will continually monitor the forecast from the National Weather Service and discuss the above criteria with TPA President in order to make the best decision for scholars, staff, and families.

Communicating with Families

In the event that school is cancelled due to inclement weather, TPA will make every attempt to notify families as soon as possible. To ensure prompt notification, parents/guardians can help by making sure their contact information, as well as emergency contact information, is regularly updated.

Full day closure or **late start** decisions will be communicated no later than 8:00 p.m. the day before or 5:00 a.m. the day of if conditions have worsened overnight.

An **early dismissal** will be communicated no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of a dismissal. Scholars will be bussed home from TPA starting at 12:30 p.m. All after-school activity cancellation decisions will be made by 11:00 a.m. that day.

TPA will notify families via:

- Text messaging blast
 - Email blast and automated phone calling system
 - TPA website and related social media networks (Facebook & Twitter)
 - WCCO (Official mass media school closing for TPA)
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At-a-Glance

We consider closing school when:

- Wind chill is -25 F (-31°C) or colder
- More than **6 inches of snow** falls in 12 hours
- More than **8 inches of snow** falls in 24 hours

We try to tell parents/guardians:

- **by 8:00 p.m.** the day before the cancellation
- **by 5:00 a.m.** the day of the cancellation

You will hear from us:

- Text/phone
- Email
- Website
- Facebook/Twitter
- WCCO

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- [WCCO School Closings](#)

Questions:

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