



## Severe Weather Information

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***School closings due to weather will be announced by 5:30 a.m.***

### **2018 – 2019 Guidelines**

Announcements for closures will be made on the following radio and tv stations: KAYS, KHAZ, KJLS, KFIX, KQQY, KWCH-TV, KBSH-TV, KAKE-TV, KHCT, AND KSN-KSNC.

We will also announce school closings on Facebook (Hays Unified School District 489) and our Twitter account. Search USD 489 and like our pages to receive free updates.

This year, School Messenger through Power School will be the service that USD 489 will utilize to contact parents and guardians of school closings. To opt-in to this service, text “Y” or “Yes” to 67587. You will receive a text back telling you that it was successful. Email Amy Arnhold at [aarnhold@usd489.com](mailto:aarnhold@usd489.com) if you run into any issues or problems opting into the system.

***Please email the name of the school your student attends as well as the phone number and email address you wish to receive notifications.***

Dangerously low wind chills and hazardous driving conditions will impact whether or not school is canceled. USD 489 will do its best to make the right decision to keep everyone safe this winter season. We encourage parents to make the best decision for their students if driving conditions become too hazardous. Safety is our number one priority. Please allow for extra travel time on inclement weather days.

- USD 489 will only close school early once school is in session for the day in extreme situations when the weather is expected to deteriorate rapidly.
- Please plan with your child what to do in the event school is closed early or canceled.
- If your child walks to school, please have a back-up plan for when weather conditions become adverse.
- The school district will make every attempt to cancel school the night before in order to give plenty of advance notice.
- February 19<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup> are designated as make up days in the event we go over our allotted snow days.