



Rim of The World Unified School District
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To: Rim of the World Unified School District Community
Date: November 2020
RE: Snow Days during Distance Learning or the Hybrid Model

As we move into the Winter months, the possibility of more snow becomes greater. Snow Days for this school year are listed on our district school calendar for 2020-2021: March 31-April 2, May 20-21 and May 28. Due to state guidelines for attendance those days will remain on the calendar and will be used if needed by the school district. Currently, the state of California does not permit districts to use distance learning specifically for inclement (“snow”) days as they would not count it towards ADA – Average Daily Attendance. We do know that this is allowed in states that receive months of snow because their state guidelines are different than ours.

Here is an outline of our standard process. The decision to close Rim of the World Unified School District is usually made in the middle of the night as the district’s transportation and maintenance/operations departments’ personnel travels the district checking on inadvisability of opening school buildings and road conditions between Crestline and Green Valley for our buses. So, for example, should Running Springs have hazardous snow conditions a “snow day” would be called for the entire district and parents will be notified. We do not call a “snow day” for just one school site. The district monitors the weather very closely and if we feel the situation is deteriorating then a decision may be made to release middle school students in specific towns to go home at the elementary release time. *This is a rare occurrence.*
Again, parents would be notified.

We thought you might also like to know that our buses are equipped with a “mountain package” and our drivers have specific training for these conditions. Travel on main roads is the determining factor for calling a snow day as these roads are maintained by the county.

The decision as to whether the district will be open is made on a day to day basis and communicated to staff and parents/caregivers using the following methods: our websites, Parent Square (school telephone and communication system), and Social Media.

Households will be notified using our automated calling system, so it is important that phone numbers for parents/caregivers are up to date at each school site and in the Aeries Parent Portal.

We have decided that few childhood acts remain unchanged due to COVID-19 and we will maintain the hope of children by calling actual snow days due to inclement weather. Snow days are chances for the on-site learners and virtual learners to just be kids by playing in the snow, baking cookies, reading books, and watching a good movie. These are times for making memories and we believe these types of opportunities should remain intact.