

VALLIVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT 139

PROCEDURE FOR SNOW DAY (POLICY 467)

According to policy for the schools in the state of Idaho, eleven (11) hours are allowed during a school year for emergency closure due to weather. Beyond that amount schools are required to make up the time lost due to cancellation of schools. Our greatest concern is for the safety of the students while balancing needs of families and our commitment to the educational process in making decisions as to when schools should be closed for inclement/unsafe weather conditions. Following is the process that is utilized in the Vallivue School District to make these decisions.

4:00 a.m. – On questionable mornings Brown Bus personnel drive the routes to determine if the buses can safely navigate through on a regular bus route. This determination is chiefly reliant upon whether the snow has drifted to a degree where the buses virtually cannot get through. Icy roads, though dangerous, don't pose as serious of a threat to buses because of their weight.

4:30 a.m. – Information is collected, i.e. weather forecasts, contact with neighboring districts, city/county road conditions, reports from Brown Bus.

5:15 a.m. – Based on information gathered and conditions of the roads, a recommendation is made by Brown Bus to the school district superintendent or designee.

5:30 a.m. – District administration makes the decision to close schools or have them remain open.

If the district decision is to close schools for the day, the media is immediately contacted so that parents and patrons are notified as soon as possible.

Media contacts are:	<u>Television Stations</u>	<u>Radio Stations</u>
	Channel 2	KBOI
	Channel 6	KIDO
	Channel 7	KBXL
	Channel 12	KTSY

Also, please refer to the Vallivue website (www.vallivue.org) that will display a scrolling announcement if schools have been closed for the day.

The decision to close schools is never treated lightly. This decision has wide-spread ramifications that range from parent scheduling of daycare on short notice to continuing district wide costs when schools are not in session.

When Vallivue School District chooses to keep the schools open even though weather conditions are questionable, parents have the right to keep their child at home. These absences will be honored as an excused absence with just a parent phone call to the school.