

CRESTWOOD SCHOOL
GENERAL NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL CLOSING
OR EARLY WEATHER DISMISSALS

Crestwood School uses the Remind App to send text alerts to parents. This is our primary mode of communication for school information, emergency closings and early dismissals throughout the year. To join Remind send the text @d4dae8 to 81010 from your cell phone. This will sign you up all Remind text alerts. If school must be closed for adverse weather conditions such as extreme heat, snow, ice, extreme cold, etc., a text alert will be sent through Remind. We will also post this information on the school website at www.crestwood.k12.il.us or on the Crestwood Facebook page. Due to the number of students in the building, we cannot call all parents nor can we have all students making telephone calls. Please make arrangements in advance so your child knows what to do if an early dismissal should occur for either heat or cold/snow. We appreciate your cooperation.

EARLY DISMISSALS DUE TO HEAT

School districts are not permitted by law to close school in advance in anticipation of hot weather or high heat. These decisions must be made on a day to day basis once school is in session. Several factors are considered when a decision is made to release students early due to high temperatures. These include the actual temperature both inside and outside the building, high humidity, and the conditions within the classrooms. If it is a very warm day, please be prepared for the possibility of an early dismissal. While most of our classrooms are air-conditioned, the hallways, lunch room, and gymnasium are not. It does get extremely warm on some days. Every effort is made to allow children to have frequent drinks and monitor their physical activity during these times. Buses will run regular routes on early dismissals for heat.

EARLY DISMISSALS FOR EMERGENCIES

Emergency closings are not something that a school anticipates making, but sometimes becomes necessary. If Crestwood School must make an emergency closing, the same procedures as above will be followed. Your help is appreciated in these matters as you spread the word with your friends and co-workers since obviously one is not expecting such a closing and therefore not listening for any announcements. However, if you can have a plan with your child, it makes it easier for everyone. Buses will run regular routes on early dismissals for emergency closings.

EARLY DISMISSALS DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

If students are in attendance and school must be closed early for adverse weather conditions such as snow, ice, extreme cold, etc. the announcements will be made as outlined in the first part of the letter. Buses will run regular routes on early dismissals for adverse weather conditions unless otherwise stated as running snow routes. Snow routes are different. Information regarding snow routes/mud routes is contained in a separate letter.