

School Closure or Delayed Start Information for Families

Kalispell Public Schools Superintendent coordinates with District Transportation and Facility Departments to determine a legitimate need to close or delay start for schools due to inclement weather.

- A delay will be a two hour late start that results in all schedules, such as school start times, bus pick-up, etc. to be two hours later than normal. Schools will still dismiss at normal times.
- If schools are closed for the day, KPS will change to asynchronous learning for that day. Going to asynchronous learning will not result in "extra days" at the end of the year for students and teachers.
- When schools are closed, all after school activities and community use of facilities are canceled.

Communication Process

- KPS Superintendent communicates to the County Superintendent notice of school closure by 5:30 a.m. The County Superintendent notifies media contacts for all school districts in Flathead County.
- If KPS determines a school closure is necessary, our 13 partner districts typically will close. However, our partner districts will have the option of remaining open.
- If KPS determines that a two-hour late start is necessary, then each partner district determines their own schedule. KPS going to a two-hour late start does not dictate that the partner districts will have to do the same.
- KPS Superintendent will send out a mass communication by voice and email informing our families and staff of school closure or two-hour late start no later than 6:00 a.m.

Two Hour Late Start Modified Schedules

Expect buses to run two hours later than the normal pickup time. If your bus stop time is 7:30 a.m.; expect a bus at 9:30 a.m. Follow the schedules below when the district declares a two-hour late start:



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Elementary Schools Modified Schedule

Arrival	10:30	The daily schedule and routines will be modified.
Dismissal	3:30	Students will follow the direction of teachers and staff.

KMS Modified Schedule

Warning Bell	9:55	
Period 1	10:00 - 10:34	
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Period 2	10:38 - 11:12	
Grade 6	11:17 - 12:27	Lunch
	11:52 - 12:27	Period 3
	12:31 - 1:06	Period 4
Grade 7	11:16 - 11:51	Lunch
	11:56 - 12:26	Period 3
	12:31 - 1:06	Period 4
Grade 8	11:16 - 11:51	Lunch
	11:56 - 12:26	Period 3
	12:31 - 1:06	Period 4
Period 5	1:10 - 1:44	_
Period 6	1:48 - 2:22	
Period 7	2:26 - 3:00	

High Schools Modified Schedule

Period 1	10:15 - 10:50	35 min
Period 2	10:55 - 11:30	35 min
Period 3	11:35 - 12:10	35 min
Early Lunch	12:10 - 12:50	30 min
Period 4-1	12:40 - 1:15	35 min
Period 4-2 1	2:15 - 12:50	35 min
Late Lunch	12:50 - 1:20	30 min
Period 5	1:20 - 1:55	35 min
Period 6	2:00 - 2:35	35 min
Period 7	2:40 - 3:15	35 min