

Kindle's Korner

by

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Early Release & School Buses Returning to School

We have all enjoyed the weather and know there will be changes at some point. Winter weather conditions can impact the safety of our children to or from school.

If inclement weather conditions are in the “forecast” including travel/road conditions, which also impact the safety of our children the YSD will consider an Early Release.

Weather conditions can change very quickly with little regard to the “forecast”. I trust our bus drivers and their judgement regarding visibility/road conditions. They may choose to return to town at any time during their bus route with children to ensure their safety.

The decision may also be made to return all buses to town or not send any buses out if the weather and travel conditions change quicker than the “forecast” predicted. If either of these situations would happen, we will communicate with parents.

If your child rides the bus, please make sure you have a plan in place for a family member or close friend to pick your child up from school if our buses are restricted from travel. We will work with you to keep the children safe at school until they are able to be picked up.

We appreciate your understanding and working together for the safety of our children. I will always do my best to keep our children safe.

Parents of any student who wish to pick their child up early on an inclement weather day or who choose not to have their child attend school with inclement weather pending/road conditions are welcome to do so.

2-Hour Late Start

We may use a 2-Hour Late Start when weather and road conditions interfere with a normal starting time. Weather conditions and road conditions can change very quickly. Utilizing a 2-Hour Late Start provides us additional time along with some day light to further analyze the situation. A decision may also include the closure of school for the day.

The extra time also provides more of a window for the County, City and State to have sanding trucks, plows, etc. taking care of roads in more areas. This also allows the school district some additional time to work on the many parking lots, sidewalks, etc. for our students, parents and staff.

A 2-Hour Late Start is much easier to adjust pick-up times in town or out of town by simply adding 2 hours onto our normal bus pick-up times.

Note: Please remember the conditions in the rural areas may be much worse than in town, which can impact decision making for a **2-Hour Late Start**, an **Early Release** and a **School Bus Returning to School**.

There is also the decision to start school on time and/or not to have an early release. We all know living in South Dakota there will be some weather and road conditions, which require drivers to slow down, be cautious and know it may take a little longer to get to and from our destination safely.

Trailhead Learning Center

You are welcome to follow the process along with updated information/pictures pertaining to the new Trailhead Learning Center by accessing the following link or scan QR Code:

<https://www.yzd.k12.sd.us/page/early-childhood-development-center>



School Board Meetings

Yankton School District Board Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of the month beginning at 5:00 pm. Yankton School Board Meetings are held at the Yankton School District Administration Building in the School Board Meeting Room.

School board meetings are live-streamed, as well as recorded and re-aired on public access channels on our local cable television. The meetings are also archived on the YSD Website <https://www.yzd.k12.sd.us/o/ysz/page/video-archive>

Superintendent Presentations

Thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me to lead the Yankton School District. You are welcome contact to me at any time to visit. I would be happy to visit with you personally or speak to your group/organization.

I would be happy to host your group at our Administration Building or one of our school buildings. I would also come to your facility or meeting place.

If there is a specific topic you would like for me to address in the future, please call me at 665-3998 or email me at wayne.kindle@k12.sd.us

Henry Ford stated, **“Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is a process. Working together is a success**