

Taft School District 90

SCHOOL CLOSING GUIDELINES

Safety is a priority for all of our students and their families. Decisions regarding school closures will be based on the overall conditions of the entire District. The Superintendent is responsible for the decision as to when school is open or closed due to inclement weather or emergencies.

General Guidelines for Winter Related Issues (Please note the two charts used for reference.):

- If the sustained temperature reaches (-10) degrees or below without wind chill factors, the District will strongly consider closing due to increased risk of exposure for students at the bus stops.
- If the sustained wind chill temperature reaches (-25) degrees or below, the District will strongly consider closing due to the increased risk of exposure for students who walk to school.
- The District Administration will generally make the decision to close by 7 PM the day before.
- School Closing Related to Utility and/or Snow/Icy Conditions: We will make every effort to make the decision to cancel school by 5:30 AM.

Notifications will be issued as follows:

- Phone calls to households via SchoolReach
- District Website (www.taft90.org)
- Emergency Closing Center Website (www.EmergencyClosing.comlecc/search.jsp)
- Radio Stations (WBBM 780AM, & WGN 720AM)

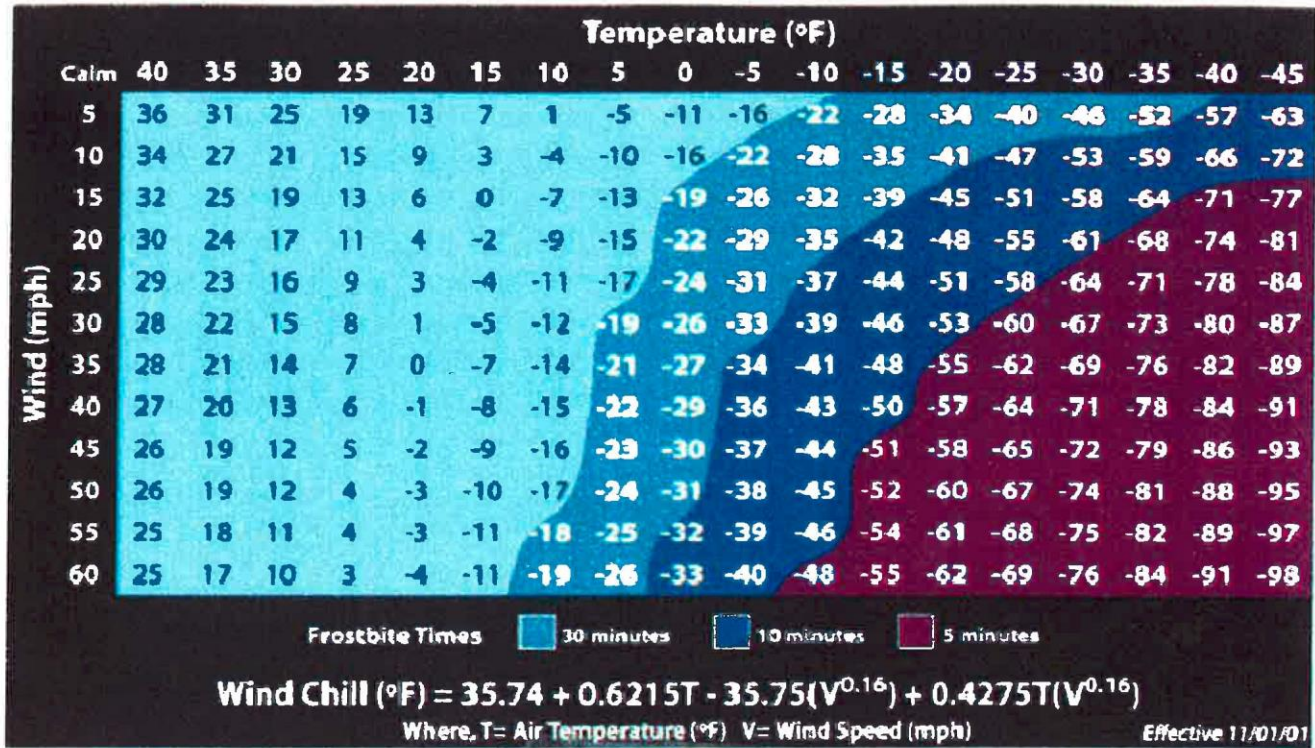
Additional Information

- If school is closed, all school related activities are cancelled.
- If school is closed, OASIS is not in session.
- 12 month employees are expected to report to work.

Temperature/Wind Chill Reference Charts



NWS Windchill Chart



Wind Chill Temperature Table

Wind Speed (mph)	Air Temperature (°F)																	
	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
0	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
5	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-63
10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72
15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77
20	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	-74	-81
25	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	25	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-84
30	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-87
35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-89
40	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-91
45	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93
50	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95

LITTLE DANGER
INCREASED DANGER
GREAT DANGER

RISK OF FROSTBITE (see times on chart below)

- GREEN LITTLE DANGER (frostbite occurs in >2 hours in dry, exposed skin)
- YELLOW INCREASED DANGER (frostbite could occur in 45 minutes or less in dry, exposed skin)
- RED GREAT DANGER (frostbite could occur in 5 minutes or less in dry, exposed skin)