



Monday, December 1, 2025

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**A Note From Mr. Lane**

It is hard to believe it is already December. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break. We have a busy three weeks ahead of us before Winter Break begins on Monday, December 22.

Our recent Thanksgiving Break was different than in past years, and we would like to get some feedback as we begin to create the school calendar for 2026-2027.

In the past, students had school on Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. This year, there was no school for students the whole week. Instead, teachers had a professional learning day on Monday and a Flex Day on Tuesday.

The reason this change was made this year was because of unusually poor student attendance on the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week in the past. Our average daily attendance is over 97%. During the 2024-2025 school year, the attendance rate on the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week was 12-15% lower than average, depending on the building. Given our state's focus on reducing chronic absenteeism, we decided to eliminate these poorly attended days and extend the student break.

We would like to hear your feedback as we begin to draft the 2026-2027 school calendar. Please use the link below to share your preference regarding Thanksgiving Break.

**[2025 Thanksgiving Break Feedback Form](#)**

Thank you for your feedback and for your support of Woodward-Granger Schools.

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## Inclement Weather Information

Every year, we experience the need to cancel, delay, or dismiss school due to weather-related issues. For this reason, we would like to share information regarding practices and protocols that guide our decisions, and how we will share information about cancellations, delays, or early dismissals.

We approach the decision to cancel, delay, or dismiss school with great caution, care, and concern. Caution that we are making an informed decision, based on credible information from reliable sources; care that our decision supports the safety and well-being of students, staff, and families; and concern that we are taking into account all the variables that canceling school will inevitably impact.

When the National Weather Service (NWS) predicts inclement weather, we monitor forecasts throughout the evening, overnight, and early morning hours. When the issue is temperature-related, we generally follow a standard: cancel school when the air temperature at 5:45 am is minus 20 or colder on weather.gov. When the issue is snow and/or ice-related, our Maintenance Director, Dave Smeltzer, and I drive to various areas across our school district to assess road conditions. We are also in communication with city and county staff to understand schedules for clearing roads and parking areas, and the progress that will be made by the time staff and students will be arriving at school. If weather issues arise during the school day, we go through similar protocols when determining if an early dismissal is necessary.

Every weather-related situation is unique, and we all know predicted weather conditions can improve or deteriorate quickly. In most cases, we will make the decision to delay or cancel in the early morning based on real-time weather conditions, as we prefer to communicate a single decision to families and staff rather than communicating a decision the night before and then needing to change the decision the following morning. We aim to inform families of school cancellations by 6:00 am for cancellations or morning delays, and by 11:00 am for early dismissals.

When school is delayed, we will notify families directly via email and text, post an alert on the district website, post on district Facebook, Instagram, and X (Twitter), and communicate with media outlets. It is good practice for you to check your email, phone, local television, and the district website often so you are sure to receive the information as soon as possible. In addition, I would like to encourage families to begin talking about weather-related plans to ensure your children have childcare/supervision in case of a delay, cancellation, or dismissal.

**Bus Routes:** When we have a 2-hour weather delay, bus routes will coincide with the 2-hour delay in that buses will pick up students 2 hours later than their normal pick-up time. When we have a 2-hour early dismissal, bus routes will coincide with the 2-hour early dismissal in that buses will pick up students from school 2 hours earlier than their regular dismissal time and will drop off students 2 hours earlier than their normal drop-off time.

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## Sources for School-Related Closure Information

Weather-related messages through Infinite Campus and District social media will be the most accurate and timely. Updating television station information is the final step in the weather-related communication process.

<b>Woodward-Granger Schools</b>	<b>Television</b>
<p><b>District Website</b> <a href="http://wghawks.school">wghawks.school</a></p> <p><b>Social Media</b> <a href="#">Facebook</a> <a href="#">Instagram</a> <a href="#">X(Twitter)</a></p> <p><b>Infinite Campus Messenger</b> Direct messaging through email and text</p> <p>Text and voice settings are managed through the Parent Portal user settings and Contact Preferences</p>	<p>WOI Channel 5</p> <p>KCCI Channel 8</p> <p>WHO Channel 13</p>

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