



What to Know When it Snows!

The School Liaison Office would like to share winter tips for parents new to the base.

General Information

- Provide “up to date” contact information to your student’s school
- Become familiar with your student’s school cancellation and postponement procedures
- Research the various social media outlets that will post winter weather school announcements
- If school is delayed 2 hours – that means school will start two hours later from the original start time. For example: Twining start time is 8:20, two hour delay means the start time will be pushed to 10:20
- Your student’s school and the GFAFB decisions to delay start times may not always coincide
- Decisions related to the delayed opening or closing of air base schools may not always be consistent with those made for in-town schools. On those days when severe weather makes travel conditions so hazardous as to threaten the safety of staff members, opening delays or the closing of base schools will be given special consideration.
- Check the GFAFB snow line (747-snow)7669 for morning school weather announcements
- Parents can elect to keep their student home or pick them up early during stormy weather conditions

K-8 Students

- Follow the winter weather guidelines published by your school for appropriate winter attire
- The GFAFB may elect to implement a late start or early release. That doesn’t mean the on base school will do the same
- Students who normally walk - may need alternate transportation plans to school during cold weather months
- In inclement weather: 6-8 grade will be allowed into the building starting at 8am through door 5 only for walking program; K-5 students will be allowed into the building after 8:10am and will line-up outside their classroom doors to wait for first bell

High School Students

- If your student drives to school, ensure they have a winter survival kit, including jumper cables
- Make a communication plan with your student for severe weather procedures
- Designate a “storm home” for your student if they aren’t able to make it back to the base. Share that plan with your school. A storm home is an in-town residence where your child will stay overnight (may be a good idea to keep a change of clothing at that residence or in their school locker).
- Even though it may not be “cool” to wear a coat, boots, scarf etc... cold is cold. If the bus or car the student uses develops mechanical issues between home and the school, this could potentially lead to a dangerous situation while waiting for alternate transportation
- Once school has started, it is not usually cancelled for in-town schools, but busses may leave school early to come back to the base. This is considered an excused absence
- Busses may arrive late to school, this is also considered an excused absence and students will join their regularly scheduled class and be responsible for any work that was due
- School may not be cancelled but after school activities could be.

If you have additional questions, please call your school or the School Liaison Office at 747-4484.