

# INCLEMENT WEATHER

During winter, the District notifies local TV and Radio stations regarding school closures or delays. The National Weather Service will be used to determine local temperatures. A link can be found on the district's website. Additionally the district's Facebook page will provide regular updates on the status of school closures.

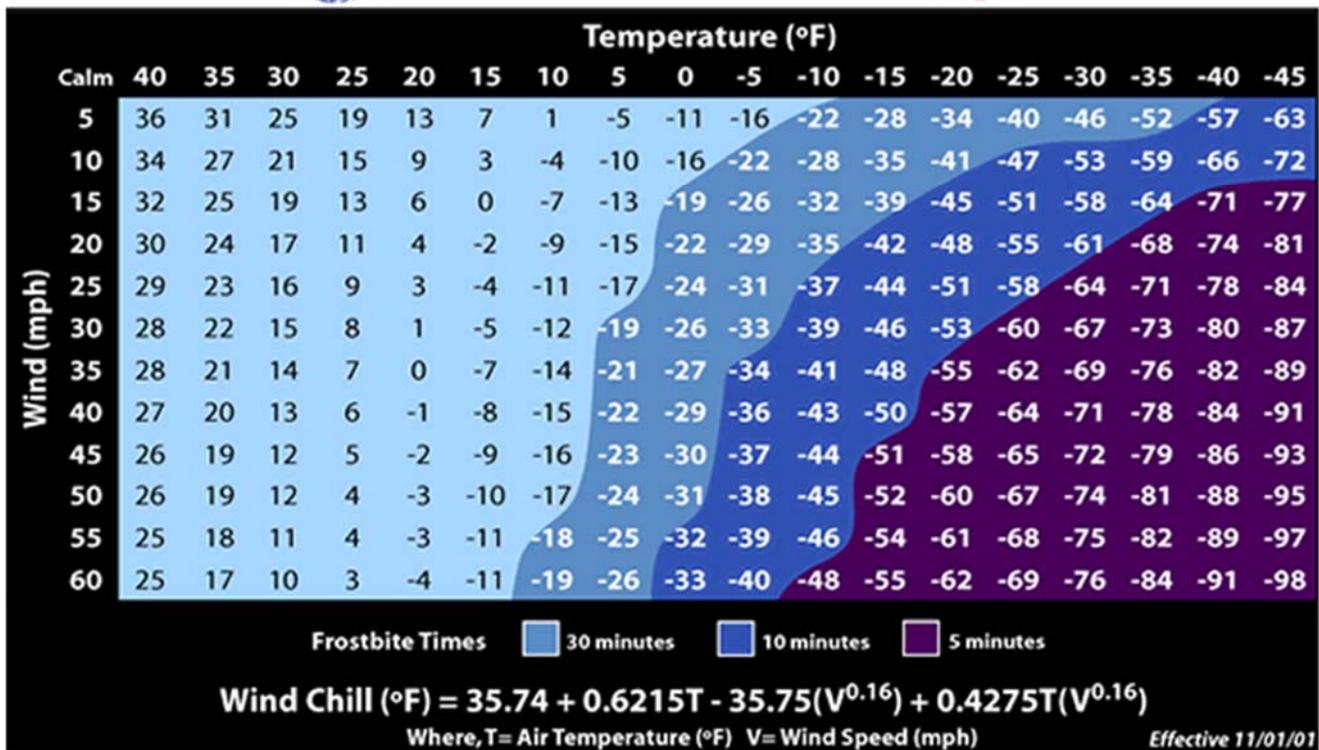
The Superintendent and the Transportation Director will be on the roads early in the morning to evaluate road conditions and also take into account current and immediate weather forecasts. The Superintendent and the Chairman of the School Board make the final call – in most cases by 5:45 am. During severe cold weather, if the temperature at 5:45 a.m. falls to -20°F (ambient or wind chill) or lower, school will be canceled for the day.

The District realizes not everyone will agree with all closures, but our staff makes every effort to come to the best decision possible. Student and staff safety is of paramount importance. Please note that if emergencies or severe weather occurs during the school day that result in school closures, the parents will be notified via the district's student information system as well as local TV, radio stations and Facebook

During the school day, if the temperature falls to 10° (ambient or wind chill), students will not be expected to go outside for recess.



## Wind Chill Chart



## **Activity Participation due to School Closure**

The Blackfoot School District acknowledges that student safety is a top priority. The decision to close school for the day is based on two scenarios: first, road conditions and second, temperature. Both scenarios affect student safety differently and therefore deserve different considerations. If school is cancelled for the day, the decision to hold scheduled district/school functions will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the superintendent, school administrator, and activities director.

### **Considerations**

If the Blackfoot School District cancels school due to unsafe temperature or road conditions, the decision to hold activities will be made on a case-by-case basis. The recommendation to hold activities will be made by the superintendent, building administrator and activities director. The information regarding the decision will include, current weather conditions, weather forecasts, consultation with the traveling school, and road conditions. The superintendent will inform the board chair prior to the decision being made final.