

Stay Connected



At ISD 318, we offer a wide variety of communication tools so that families can receive the latest information. Individual schools and teachers may use other methods not included here.

Campus Parent Portal

Campus parent portal is your home for district messages, absences, grades, class schedules, and lunch balances. You can even update your contact information!

Automated Calls & Emails

Families receive automated phone calls and emails with important information, including school closures or emergencies. Keep your contact information up-to-date with your building secretary.

Website

Our district and school websites are kept up-to-date with resources for families and include calendars, announcements, news articles, and more.

Peachjar

District, school, and community event flyers are emailed to families and posted on school websites. No log in is necessary.

Facebook Live

The district hosts regular opportunities to hear updates from Superintendent Grose and ask questions via Facebook Live. Recordings of the events are also made available on the district website.

ThoughtExchange

We use a survey tool called ThoughtExchange that allows families and community members to share their thoughts. Look for opportunities to participate throughout the school year.

District Newsletters

A print newsletter is sent to all families and taxpayers three times per year.

An electronic newsletter is emailed to all families every month.

Past issues and sign up forms are available on the district website at isd318.org when you select Community and then Newsroom.

Connect with us



Online

www.isd318.org



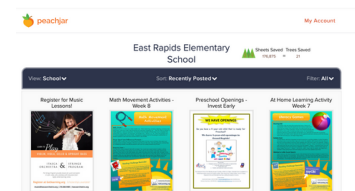
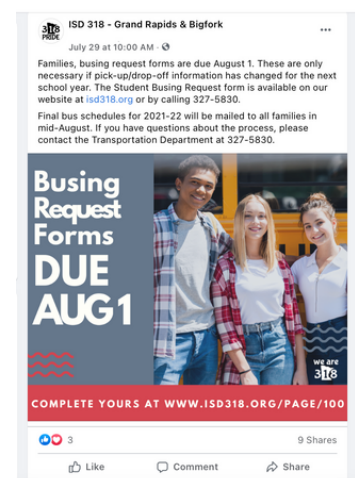
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Twitter

@ISD_318



Emergency Communications

In the event of an emergency it's important that we have accurate contact information including your phone, email, home address, and other emergency contacts.

How will I know if there is an emergency at my child's school?

During an emergency, our first priority is to protect our students and staff. When we share information, our goal is to ensure it is timely and accurate. You may receive multiple updates as additional information is made available.

Sometimes, we are not able to share information from our law enforcement partners, so we communicate what we can, when we can. We urge our families and community to look for official messages through our district communication channels and to avoid sharing unofficial information.

Parents and guardians will receive an automated phone call and email alerting them about the emergency. Information will also be shared on the district website and social media as appropriate.

What should families do in the event of an emergency?

- Remain calm.
- As difficult as it may be, don't call or go to the school. This allows us to focus on student safety and keeps phone lines and traffic lanes open for first responders.
- Avoid contacting your child during an emergency. Depending on the situation, this could compromise their safety or distract them from following necessary instructions. If your child contacts you, please remind them to remain calm and follow the directions of school staff.

What should families do after an emergency?

- Be patient and wait for information. We know this is hard, but our focus is on the students.
- If an off-site family reunification is necessary, please remember that emergency pickup procedures differ from normal pickup. You will need to bring a photo id to the site.
- Only approved adults with valid photo id are allowed to pick up students.

School Delays & Closures

Be prepared for winter weather.

When winter weather hits, our top priority is the safety of students and staff. We know that school delays can also disrupt family schedules. We try to make decisions about school closures as early as possible to give families time to plan.

In our 2,200 square mile district, conditions can vary greatly. We know weather conditions in Bigfork can be very different from those in Grand Rapids. As a result, families may sometimes see a Bigfork-only school closure, late start, or early release.

How is a decision about winter weather made?

District transportation staff drive roads and check with city and county public works staff between 4 am and 5 am to determine if streets are open and buses can get through. We also check forecasts from the National Weather Service and consult with other school districts who may be experiencing the same or similar weather.

How are families notified?

Parents and guardians will receive an automated phone call and email alerting them about the closure or delay. Information is shared on the district website and social media, and local media outlets are notified.

What are the delay or closure options?

- Schools start on time (no message will be shared).
- Schools start two hours late and bus routes are adjusted to pick students up two hours later.
- Schools are closed. If schools are closed there are no after school activities, athletics, or facility use.

Even if schools are not closed, the final decision to keep your child home remains with you. The safety of your children is important to us.

