

Dear GPA Middle School Families,

As colder weather is approaching, I wanted to send out the ***Middle School Snow Day Plan***, which looks different from our Elementary School Snow Day Plan. If you have students in elementary, please make sure to view that snow day plan separately. Middle school requires a larger number of teacher/student contact hours in order to be in compliance with state guidelines. Due to the 10 day delay at the beginning of the school year, *all "snow days" for middle school will be conducted in the **Streaming School format*** - the same way all middle school students began the first 4 weeks of school.

In order for the online learning on Snow Days to count towards our contact hours, middle school students need to follow their typical daily schedule online (i.e, logging in at 8am, switching classes online at the correct time, done for the day at 3:10pm, etc.) **Attendance will be taken on these days.** As part of their daily routine, students should always have their Chromebook with them and should be ready for online learning to take place at any time.

*To reiterate, when a snow day is called for GPA, it will be a **Streaming School day from 8am-3:10pm for middle school students.***

Please make sure that your student understands online learning will be taking place on snow days, and that they are ready to join class virtually at 8am.

If a 2-hour delay is called, school will begin at 10am, with drop off no earlier than 9:45am. Students will begin their school day once they arrive and will not be expected to log in virtually prior to their arrival.

\*Grand Peak Academy follows the School District 49 decision to close or delay school due to inclement weather. When D49 is closed or delayed, several radio stations and television stations are contacted to broadcast the fact, listed as "D-49 closed" or "D-49 2-hour delay" in the television scroll. School closures and delays are also communicated on the school's Facebook page (be sure to "like" GPA to receive the notices), email, and the GPA mobile app. In most cases, the decision to close or delay school is made by 5:00am. If school is cancelled, all scheduled school activities are cancelled. Parents should keep an eye on the daily weather forecast and should make prior arrangements for day care services if released early.

You can also receive D49 push notifications on your mobile device through the D49 [mobile app](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [nicole.parker@grandpeakacademy.org](mailto:nicole.parker@grandpeakacademy.org)

Thank you,

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