



Winter Recess Note



Families and Students,

As we get into some colder weather, we wanted to share our winter recess dress policies for this time of the year. With an average winter low in McKean of about 21 degrees, it is important that students are dressed appropriately for outside.

Section 22 of the Student Handbook states: *“Appropriate clothing is essential for active participation. In winter, warm clothing includes hats, snow pants, boots and gloves. (please label all clothing with your child’s name) If the weather and conditions are severe, the students may have a shortened recess or may remain indoors and have an in-class break (teacher or principal discretion). If a child is recovering from illness, a note from parents will allow the student to remain inside during recess. Parents should not send notes requesting blanket permission for a student to remain indoors for the entire winter or for long extended periods.”*

Until snow comes:

- * If the “real feel” is 50 degrees or below, you should bring a coat, hoodie, or long sleeves. (Closer to 50°)
- * If the “real feel” is 32 degrees or below, you must have a coat, hat, and gloves.

When there is snow:

- * You need a warm hat, coat, gloves, and boots to be on the blacktop.
- * You need “all of the above” AND snow-pants to be in snow that is off the blacktop.
- * You may also bring neck warmers, scarves, face masks, or any other warm items.
- * You may want to have an extra pair of socks to keep in your book-bag.
- * Please put your name on all your winter items with a Sharpie.



Routines:

- * If you come to school prepared with all appropriate items, you may actively participate.
- * If you are NOT prepared by recess time, you may NOT actively participate. You must stay on the sidewalk during your recess, so you can better cover yourself with the items you did bring.
- * No 4th grader will be permitted to borrow clothing from the nurse. Mrs. Chiles needs to be available for the students who are truly needing her care.
- * If you have any extra boots, snow-pants, or other winter gear, you may leave them at school, so you don’t have to transport as much back and forth.

***If you don’t have a certain item at home, and/or are unable to get it, please let your child’s homeroom teacher know, and we will make sure they have what they need.*

***Any donations of size appropriate winter things are greatly appreciated as well. Cut for the fridge*

4th Grade Recess Temperature Guidelines (Recess is from 1:30-2:00)	
Weather Condition	Clothing Requirement
33-50° “Real Feel” temperature	Coat, Hoodie, or Long Sleeves (Closer to 50°)
32° “Real Feel” temperature or below	Coat, Hat, Gloves
Snow on blacktop	Hat, Coat, Gloves, and Boots (Snow-pants for off blacktop)
 We stay inside if the “Real Feel” is 9 degrees or below	