



Transportation Ice & Snow Update for School Year 2016-2017

To the Parent/Guardian of: «First Name» «Last Name»

School: «School Description» «Student ID»

Below is your student's emergency ice & snow route stop information:

AM	«AM Route»	«AM Time»	«AM Stop»	«AM Corner»	corner
PM	«PM Route»	«PM Time»	«PM Stop»	«PM Corner»	corner

Please review this information carefully with your student, as the stop location and time may be different from their normal assignment.

School bus travel is limited to a restricted set of roads which are maintained during emergency ice and snow periods. Your student may be required to walk to a stop that is a greater distance from your residence than your normal stop. Ice and Snow routes will not be changed for this school year and are based on student's regular transportation as of October 19th, 2016.

Please keep this copy for future reference.

REMEMBER: If the Seattle School District is going to operate on a 2 HOUR LATE START, please add two hours to the time listed to obtain your estimated AM pick up time. Due to inclement weather conditions, buses may be delayed.

For those students who use Metro bus service as part of their daily transportation, please refer to the Metro online guide for their emergency ice and snow schedule. (<http://metro.kingcounty.gov/alerts/snow/>)

Please review the attached Ice and Snow Emergency Notification Information sheet. It contains information regarding operations during ice and snow conditions.



To: Parents/Guardians of Students Receiving Regular Bus Service
From: Transportation Office
Re: **Ice and Snow Emergency Notification Information**

The possibility of ice and snow conditions during the school year requires the District to be prepared to modify its normal operating procedures. This notice contains important information about these modifications and should be reviewed carefully with your student. **Please keep this copy for future reference.**

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES: Any changes in the Seattle School District's normal operating hours or bus service because of ice and snow will be announced daily over AM and FM radio and television stations.

I. PROCEDURES FOR SNOWFALL OCCURRING DURING NON-SCHOOL HOURS

- a. If the Seattle Public Schools are not mentioned, schools will be open and buses will operate on regular routes and regular times.
- b. If a message regarding the Seattle Public Schools is announced, that message will be one of the four listed below. **(Please note that schools will open two hours late when the buses operate two hours late.)**
 1. Seattle Public Schools: **Schools open on time** – buses operating on **snow routes**.
No door-to-door service. No Preschool or Head Start No Out of District Service.
 2. Seattle Public Schools: **Two hours late** – buses operating on **snow routes**.
No door-to-door service. No Preschool or Head Start No Out of District service.
 3. Seattle Public Schools: **Two hours late** – buses operating on **regular routes**.
No door-to-door service. No Preschool or Head Start No Out of District service.
 4. Seattle Public Schools: **Schools closed**.

Message #2 and #3 mean that the buses will begin operating their routes two (2) hours later than normal. For example, if your student has a scheduled pick-up time of 7:00 AM, you can expect the bus to arrive at approximately 9:00 AM.

II. PROCEDURES FOR SNOWFALL OCCURRING DURING SCHOOL HOURS:

If it should begin to snow during the school hours, the District will evaluate weather conditions and will decide to:

1. Close schools early.
2. Maintain normal operating hours.
3. Delay bus departure time until traffic conditions improve.

Parents/guardians should listen to radio/TV stations for updated information regarding early or late school bus departure times as well as for news on overall traffic conditions.

While the radio/TV stations are the best source of information regarding school closures and road conditions, your child's school can also be contacted for information. However, calls should be of an urgent nature.

Each school will serve as a communications center for parents inquiring on the status of transportation and/or location of students. Schools will remain open until it is known that buses have completed their routes.

Designated schools in each region will serve as receiving centers for students if conditions become severe enough to make completion of the bus routes unsafe. Bus drivers are instructed to proceed to the nearest designated receiving school at any time they need assistance or if they cannot complete the route by 7:00 PM. If this occurs, the receiving school will contact the student's school and home.

GENERAL ICE AND SNOW TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Seattle is unique in that snow may accumulate in one area and not in other areas. As the decision is being considered to operate on snow routes or to close schools, circumstances in the entire city are carefully considered, as well as weather reports and any other pertinent information. However, experience has proven that weather reports related to snow can vary greatly. With this in mind, your patience and understanding during these emergency conditions will be appreciated.

Ice & Snow bus routes have been established based on the following criteria:

1. Safety of students both on/off the bus.
2. Stops placed on level or downhill grade.
3. Following public transit (arterial) paths, which are the first to be cleared.
4. Making minimal number of stops, which lessens the problem of exit/entrance to traffic flow.
5. Parents being responsible for safety of students to/from and at a bus stop.
6. Please note that not all school sites are accessible during snow days. Alternate drop off or pick up locations will be used when required. School staff and transportation staff will assist students at these areas.

Students should be told to wait for buses at a safe distance from the roadway during icy conditions. Parents should instruct their children on safe walking and waiting procedures, and in all cases the children should be dressed adequately for potential wait times at bus stops. Whenever possible, parents are encouraged to wait at the stops with the students.



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To the Parent/Guardian of:
 «First Name» «Last Name»
 «House #» «Street» «Apt»
 «City» «State» «Zip»

Radio/TV Stations Announcing Emergency Information

AM Radio Stations		FM Radio Stations		TV Stations	
KCIS	630	KPLU	88.5	KOMO	Ch. 4
KIXI	880	KGRG	89.9	KING	Ch. 5
KOMO	1000	KSER	90.7	KIRO	Ch. 7
KGRG	1330	KMPS	94.1	KCPQ	Ch. 13
KUOW	1340	KUOW	94.9	PSETV	Ch. 26
KRKO	1380	KIRO	97.3	KONG	Ch. 6
		KCMS	105.3		
		KRWM	106.9		

If you have Internet access, you may also go to <http://flashalert.net>, the Public Schools Emergency Communication System to check for announcements.