



# PLAN FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

2022-2023 Kelso School District

Snow, ice, and wind can impact our ability to conduct school activities as planned. Depending on the road conditions, any one of the following may happen:

- 1) **Buses are on snow routes.**  
All schools and activities continue, but some routes are altered. Snow route details are on our Transportation web page.
- 2) **School is delayed two hours.**  
Buses pick up students two hours later than normal; no breakfast or AM preschool.
- 3) **School is canceled for the day.**  
All schools, activities, and athletics are canceled for the day.
- 4) **School is dismissed early.**  
All activities and athletics are canceled.

## HOW WE DECIDE

Before deciding to close schools, district officials consult county road crews and our own employees who are out driving the roads in the early hours of the morning.

Our district covers a large region with steep terrain in places. While roads may be passable in town, conditions may be different just a few miles away. Before we close schools we seek answers to the questions below:

- Can we ensure that buses can navigate streets safely?
- Will students be safe waiting for buses, driving, or walking to school?
- What are the predicted weather conditions later in the school day so we can also ensure students a safe return home?
- Will conditions be substantially improved if we start school late?
- Will we have heat and lights in our schools?

## HOW WE INFORM YOU

We attempt to provide you with as much prior notice of school closures as possible. We make every effort to announce changes by 6 AM and we use a variety of methods to get the information to parents and staff.

### KSD App

Download the Kelso School District app and enable notifications for the district and/or specific schools.

### Text & Email

We'll use the cell phone number and email you have listed in Skyward. Please make sure your contact information is correct.

### Flash Alert

Subscribe to FlashAlert to receive weather-related schedule changes by email and/or text. Push notification is available with the FlashAlert app. To subscribe, look under the "How do I" tab on our website: [kelso.wednet.edu](http://kelso.wednet.edu).

### Radio/Television

Portland TV stations will carry basic information about school closures. For more detailed information, especially about changes in bus routes, please listen to local radio stations.

### Social Media

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @KelsoSchools for updates on school closures and bus routes.

For a recorded message of changes in bus routes and/or school closures, call: (360) 501-1990.

### Remember:

No news is good news! We only make announcements when there are changes in normal routine.



**Kelso School District Info Line: 501-1990**

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