

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SNOW ROUTES

Dear Families,

Winter has arrived! This year, in response we have developed snow routes for certain bus routes. These alternate routes will provide the district with a viable, safe alternative transportation option for certain inclement weather conditions when major arterial roads are clear, but secondary roads are not yet sufficiently clear or safe for student transportation.

Typically, there is too much ice and/or snow to remove at the same time. Therefore, road crews prioritize their work. For example, the City of Ridgefield focuses first on clearing and maintaining the major arterial routes such as Hillhurst Road, Union Ridge Parkway, and Pioneer Street (SR 501). City crews will then move to secondary and tertiary roads.

When the weather situation provides an alternative to closing schools, our new snow routes will allow for safe student transportation from the larger neighborhoods with bus stops at the central, arterial roads. All students will still ride the same school bus, but will be picked up from and/or delivered to their designated bus stop for the snow route.

The development of targeted snow routes will allow our transportation team and the City of Ridgefield to work together in a focused and cohesive approach to transporting students safely and avoid unnecessarily closing school.

When the need to activate and utilize snow routes becomes evident, we will notify students and families through the same communications network we use to announce school delays and closures.

To view our new snow routes, please visit <http://www.ridgefieldsd.org/transportation--42>. Should you have any questions, please call our transportation team at 360-841-2023.

Thank you