

# Olympia School District

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#### Snow Bulletin 2021-22 School Year

Dear OSD Families.

Every year it seems snow or severe conditions lead to the closure or late start of our schools, and we want to keep you updated about those decisions.

#### **Communications Protocol**

The Olympia School District will inform you of school schedule changes as soon as possible through our phone/email/text messaging system, as well as on our website (http://osd.wednet.edu) and social media platforms. We also encourage you to monitor local radio and/or television stations for up-to-date information about weather-related closures or delays. Be sure your student's information is up-to-date in Skyward Family Access so you do not miss an important school schedule change announcement.

If school is open, but you think it would be unsafe for your child to attend, school officials will accept your judgment and it will be treated as an excused absence.

#### **School Closure**

If OSD schools close due to inclement weather, students do not report to class, regardless of whether attending school in-person or through the Virtual Academy of Olympia. OSD has a "Snow Make-Up Day" built into the calendar on May 27, 2022 to be used as a school day in the event there is a weather-related school cancellation prior to this date. Additional snow days, if needed, will be made up at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

#### 2-hour Late Start

- All schools, including the Virtual Academy of Olympia, start two hours late
- OSD school buses pick up students two hours late
- No zero hour classes or before school activities
- No AM preschool
- No AM child care
- No Avanti High School periods 1-3 Monday-Thursday, and no AM academic support or activities on Friday
- No out-of-district transportation
- No district transportation to New Market Skills Center
- Breakfast and lunch served throughout the district

#### **Snow Routes**

On rare occasions, weather conditions may make it necessary to modify school bus routes. When that occurs, the district and media outlets will announce the use of "snow routes" or "emergency routes." Emergency routes are listed on pages 3-6 of this letter.

- No out-of-district transportation.
- Students in special education programs who are normally picked up at home and who are affected by snow routes will be contacted by the district Transportation Department staff with specifics on where they will be picked up.

At other times, weather conditions may require schools to close early. In that event, the normal busing sequence will be followed; returning middle and high school students home first, followed by elementary school students approximately one to two hours later. Please instruct your child what to do should there be an early school closure when you are not home during the school day.

Parents are also asked to remind students to be especially careful and to dress appropriately when walking or waiting for a bus during bad weather.

It is our hope that weather conditions do not disrupt transportation and schools. However, our most critical concern is the safety and welfare of our students.

Sincerely,

Patrick C. Murphy, Ed.D. Superintendent

Please understand there are many factors when deciding to close or delay school. We exercise caution and overall safety for all 9,000+ district students when determining if school should be canceled or delayed. The 80 square miles covered by our district are very diverse geographically, and what one family experiences can be very different from what another family is experiencing on the other side of the district. Staff drive the streets in the early hours of the morning to determine the safety of all routes. We appreciate your understanding and support.

Please save this bulletin for reference

"Creating opportunities and shaping success for all students"

## 2021-22 **Emergency Snow Routes - East Side**

If your normal stop is:	Walk to:
11th or 12th & Fairview/12th & Fir/McCormick & Union	Fir & Union
Yew & Fairview	Yew & Fir
13th & Fir	10th & Fir
12th & McCormick	13th & McCormick
8th & Devoe/8th & Fenske	VFW
Central & Thurston	Central & Bigelow
Garrison & Thurston	Pine & Bethel
Fir & Yew	Bigelow & Wilson
Marion & Yew/McCormick & Yew	Bigelow & Fir
Pattison Street NW/Applehill Court/10th & Fenske	VFW
12th Avenue & Sevedge Court/S. Bay Rd. & 10th Ave.	VFW
16th & Frederick Street	18th & Frederick
Boston Harbor & 75th	Boston Harbor & 73rd
Byron Avenue NE	Boston Harbor & 73rd
53rd & Heights Lane	Boston Harbor & 73rd
73rd Avenue NE	Boston Harbor & 73rd

Fishtrap Road & Fishtrap Loop	81st & Libby Road
Libby Road (N of 81st)/Jenni Street NE/Island View	Walk to 81st
Drive/Evergreen Drive	
Lemon Road	Libby Road & 66th
Woodard Bay & Shincke / Woodard Bay / 66th	Libby Road & 66th
Shore Acres/76th Avenue NE/77th Avenue	Libby Road
42nd Avenue (Ward Lake)	Boulevard Road
Beacon, Brown & Frederick	Boulevard & Beacon
Smith Street SE/10th-15th	Boulevard & 15th
Henry & Thurston	Garrison & Bigelow
Wilson & Yew/Frederick Lane & 12th Avenue	Wilson & Bigelow
Phoenix & Prospect	Phoenix & Martin
Prospect & Tullis/Glass & Tullis	Bigelow & Tullis
18th & Boundary Street SE	18th & Eastside Street SE
19th & Orange Street SE	20th & Eastside Street SE
Frontier Drive & Frontier Court/Upper Highline	Highline/Wilderness Dr.
Baker Ames Addresses	36th & Baker Ames

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### **Emergency Snow Routes - West Side**

If your normal stop is:	Walk to:
17th & Houston	Mix Road & 17th Avenue NW
17th Avenue	Mix Road
20th & Aspinwall (To End)	Aspinwall Road & Aspinwall Court
20th Avenue	Cooper Point or Division
2nd Avenue	McKenzie Road
43rd Avenue NW & 44th Avenue NW	Cooper Point Road NW
Cedar Flats & Maple Valley	Delphi Road
Country Club Road & Loop	Cooper Point Road NW
Dundee & Wily Loop	Dundee & Conger
Forest Shores Road	Aspinwall & Aspinwall Court
French Road	26th & Division
Green Cove	Cooper Point Road NW
Harbor View	Crestline & Elliot
Kenyon & Bush	Limited Lane & Kenyon
Klein Road	Cooper Point Road NW
Langridge Loop	Cooper Point Road NW
Munson Road	Delphi Road

North Lewis Road	Driftwood Junction
Summit Lake	Freeway
Sunset & Simmons	Simmons & Lewis
Sunset Beach & Biscay	36th Avenue NW & Biscay Street NW
Tamoshan #1 & #2	Entrance Stop Cooper Point Road NW
Walnut Loop	Walnut Drive
West Bay Marina	Crestline & Elliot
Westwood Housing Development	Cooper Point Road NW
Windolph Turnaround	Cooper Point Road NW
Back Side of Ken Lake Drive	Cambridge Lane or Compton Court
Raft Avenue NW	Crestline Boulevard & Elliot
Wesley Drive NW & Wesley Loop	36th Avenue & Wesley Drive NW
Oak Meadows (McCleary)	Elma Hicklin at Country Line
Elliot Ave between Division & Crestline	Elliott Ave & Division St