

2019-2020 Inclement Weather Information for PPS Transportation Small Bus and Sedan Service Users

To: Parents or guardians of students using small bus or Special Education sedan services
From: PPS Student Transportation
Re: Inclement weather information for the 2019-2020 school year

This document explains how the District will respond during inclement weather and how your service may be affected by snow, ice, or other adverse weather conditions. It also outlines how you should make arrangements with your driver for an alternate snow stop if your regular stop is too hazardous during inclement weather.

Different areas of Portland are subject to varying and harsher weather conditions due to elevation and multiple micro-climates. As such, some schools may operate with snow routes while other schools continue to operate normally. In addition, it may not be possible or safe for your driver to transport your student to your regularly scheduled programs or to use your normal stop location.

New in 2019-2020. Snow stop surveys are no longer being sent to all families as typically only a few dozen families have driveways that are hazard enough to merit an alternative meeting place for a snow stop. Stop surveys will be mailed out to families that have required stops in the past or that live in hilly areas. More on this on page 2.

Snow routes and alternative stops will be called for AM or PM (or both) dependent upon the road conditions or weather forecast. **Please pay close attention to additional District announcements throughout the day for changes.** District decisions made after the initial call will be updated to all media outlets.

If you have any questions please call or email.

PPS Student Transportation
716 NE Marine Dr. Portland, OR 97211
503-916-6901 Fax: 503-916-2707 transportation@pps.net



Snow Stop Survey

Some driveways or streets may be too steep or hazardous to navigate a small yellow bus or van during inclement weather. You and your driver can work together to determine if you need an alternative spot a few blocks away that may be more appropriate during inclement weather.

We have developed a Snow Stop Location Survey form to document and implement potential alternative stop locations.

The Snow Stop Location Survey document will be mailed directly to households that live in hilly areas or have had an approved stop in the past. If you feel you need a Snow Stop Location Survey or didn't receive one in the mail then please download a blank form here <https://www.pps.net/Page/2237> or speak with your driver about your concerns.

As always, you can also call Student Transportation to cancel service during inclement weather.

If you live on a street or driveway that may become unsafe during inclement weather, please do the following:

1. Discuss with your driver suggestions for an accessible, mutually agreed-upon alternate pick-up or drop-off location near your regular stop;
2. Fill out and submit this form: <http://www.pps.net/Page/2237>
Choose **Option 2**, and pending District approval, your bus will pick-up and drop-off your student at the alternate stop location.

If you do not feel you need an alternate snow stop, then please fill out the survey and choose **Option 1** (no change in pick-up/drop-off stop location).

Alternate snow pick-up/drop-off locations will only be used when the District officially declares that Snow Routes are in affect for the AM pick-up and/or the PM drop-off runs.

Should you decide to cancel your student's transportation service during an event then please call 503-916-6901 and select option #3. Please leave a message include your student's name, spell the last name, school, and your bus route number if available.

ENGLISH

This information is very important. If you are unable to read it, please have someone explain it to you in a language you understand, or contact your school.

SPANISH

Esta información es muy importante. Si usted no es capaz de leerlo, por favor obtenga a alguien que se lo explique en un idioma que usted pueda entender, o llame al 503-916-3582.

RUSSIAN

Эта информация очень важна. Если вы не можете прочитать это, пожалуйста, попросите кого-нибудь, чтобы вам объяснили это на родном языке или вы можете позвонить по телефону 503-916-3583.

VIETNAMESE

Tài liệu này rất quan trọng. Nếu quý vị không đọc được tài liệu này, xin vui lòng nhờ người quen giải thích bằng ngôn ngữ mà quý vị có thể hiểu được, hoặc gọi điện thoại số 503-916-3584.

CHINESE

這些資訊是很重要的。如果你不懂得它的英文意思，請找某人用你瞭解的語言為你解釋，或打電話 503-916-3585。

SOOMAALI

Macluumaadkan aad buu muhim u yahay. Hadii aadan akhrin Karin, fadkan raadso qof kuugu faahfaahiya luqad aad fahmayso, ama la xidhiidh dugsiagaaga 503-916-3586.

Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society. All individuals and groups shall be treated with fairness in all activities, programs and operations, without regard to age, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, race religion, sex or sexual orientation. Board of Education Policy 1.80.020-P

Inclement Weather Notification & Procedures

Getting Urgent News – Quickly

PPS works to get closures or delay announcements to families quickly and clearly. In addition to notifying the media, we use:

- **Automated phone calls:** In English and supported languages to the primary phone number listed on your student’s registration form. You can change the phone number through your school secretary.
- **Online posting:** In the “alert pod” on www.pps.net and all school websites.
- **Twitter:** Follow us @PPSConnect.
- **Facebook:** Like us at www.facebook.com/pps.homepage
- **Text messaging:** Text Sign up for School Messenger by texting YES to 68453

Safety is of utmost importance during inclement weather conditions.

Things you need to know:

- The announcement of snow routes may be accompanied by a 2 hour late opening or an early closure. Bus times will follow late starts or early dismissals accordingly;
- In the event PPS calls a 2 hour late opening on a day your school has a scheduled late opening, your school will start 2 hours later than your normal bell time – *not* 2 hours later than the late opening time;
- Students should wait for buses at a safe distance from the road during inclement weather conditions;
- Precise stop times are not possible during snow days due to unpredictable traffic delays, so students should be at snow stops early;
- Students should dress warmly and be prepared for longer wait times outside on these days;
- Parents are responsible for the safety of students at bus stops, and should instruct their students on safe walking and waiting procedures;
- Buses are radio-dispatched and equipped with all-weather tires and chains;
- Use the handrails when boarding or exiting the bus to prevent slipping.
- Do not stand or play on snow piles at the bus stop. Do not throw snowballs at the bus or at anyone.

- Never try to retrieve an item that falls around or underneath the bus. Instead, always report such an incident to the bus driver.
- Never chase after the bus or attempt to grab the back bumper.

If you have questions, please contact Student Transportation at 503-916-6901, or email at :transportation@pps.net.

PPS Inclement Weather Scenarios

REGULAR OPENING WITH SNOW ROUTES		
	<i>MEDIA MESSAGE</i>	<i>MESSAGE DEFINED</i>
1a	PPS Regular Opening. <u>Specific schools</u> on snow routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students report at regular time. • All PPS buildings open. • Bus service at <u>specific schools</u> on snow routes. • After school and extended day programs operates without transportation.
1b	PPS Regular Opening. All buses on snow routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students report at regular time. • All PPS buildings open. • All buses on snow routes. • After school and extended day programs operates without transportation.
2 HOUR LATE OPENING		
	<i>MEDIA MESSAGE</i>	<i>MESSAGE DEFINED</i>
2a	PPS <u>specific schools</u> 2 hour late. All buses on snow routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students at <u>specific</u> or all schools report two (2) hours later than normal. • All PPS buildings open. • All buses on snow routes. • Before school childcare drop-off cancelled. • AM kindergarten cancelled.
	OR	
2b	All PPS 2 hours late. All buses on snow routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUN School AM classes cancelled. • PM half-day and mid-day classes operate without transportation to school. • After school and extended day programs operate without transportation.
2c	PPS <u>specific schools</u> 2 hours late.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students at <u>specific</u> or all schools report two (2) hours later than normal. • All PPS buildings open. • Before school childcare drop-off cancelled. • SUN School AM classes cancelled.
	OR	
2d	All PPS 2 hours late.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM kindergarten cancelled. • PM half-day and mid-day classes operate without transportation to school. • After school and extended day programs operate without transportation.
CLOSURES		
	<i>MEDIA MESSAGE</i>	<i>MESSAGE DEFINED</i>
3a	PPS <u>specific schools</u> closed. All buses on snow routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students from <u>specific schools</u> remain home. • <u>Specific school</u> buildings closed. • All buses on snow routes. • After school and extended day programs of open schools operate without transportation.
3b	PPS <u>specific schools</u> closed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students from <u>specific schools</u> remain home. • <u>Specific school</u> buildings closed.
3c	PPS Schools Closed. Offices open.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students remain home. • All school buildings closed. • Central office open. • Rice open. • Transportation open.
3d	All PPS Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students remain home. • All school buildings closed. • Offices closed.
EVENING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS CANCELLED		
	<i>MEDIA MESSAGE</i>	<i>MESSAGE DEFINED</i>
4	PPS evening activities and events cancelled.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All evening activities, events, and trainings at PPS facilities are cancelled. • All evening classes held on Benson campus cancelled.

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Could YOU be a School Bus Driver?

Portland Public Schools Student Transportation is hiring district-employed school bus drivers, primarily providing small bus service to families of students with special needs.

PPS OFFERS:

- Exceptional Medical/Dental/Vision
- work 10 months, paid over 12 option
- 7 paid holidays per year
- PERS OPSRP Retirement plan

Classified Position, Union Represented
Duty Days: 180

Apply at <https://www.pps.net/Page/2158>

The School Bus Driver shall be responsible for the safe and efficient operation of a school bus on assigned daily routes, and/or extra runs. Performs related work as assigned by the Driver Supervisor.

Minimum Qualifications: Be at least 18 years of age. Pass a physical examination. Pass a criminal background check. Have a clean driving record. The ability to obtain a CDL license and complete the driver training required by the Oregon Department of Education, including a physical agility test.



Starting Wage: \$19.15
6 hour guarantee

To apply, access the PPS website:
www.pps.net

Click the link to “Jobs” on the main page.

Click “New Applicants” box.

Click “Search Jobs Now”

Find the job listing titled “Student Transportation-School Bus Driver” and click the job listing’s title.

After reading job description, click button labeled “Apply.”

Click “Register Now” to begin creating an application profile on the PPS website, or follow alternate directions if you have used the PPS application system before.

Proceed through the application process, completing all portions of the “My Application” section.

If your application is complete and you have applied for the job using the website, you will receive a phone call from Student Transportation when your application has been reviewed.



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