

2022-2023

## Inclement Weather Information for PPS General Transportation (Big Bus) Routes and Stops

**To:** Parents or guardians of students using bus service

**From:** PPS Student Transportation

**Re:** Snow route information for the 2022-2023 school year

This document explains how the District will respond during inclement weather and how your big bus service may be affected by snow, ice or other adverse weather conditions. This document also provides information about PPS inclement weather media messages and specific response procedures.

Not all neighborhood schools' bus routes require snow stops or routes during inclement weather. To determine if your school has a snow route please review the table on page 6 of this document. For more information, review the All Schedules and Routes website at: [www.pps.net/bus](http://www.pps.net/bus).

Snow routes can be designated for AM, PM or both dependent upon road conditions. Please pay close attentions to additional District announcements throughout the day for changes. District decisions made after the initial call will be updated to all media outlets.

Special Education students who use small bus or specialized transportation services will be notified directly by mail.

If you have any questions please call or email.

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School with Snow Route(s)	Routes with Inclement Weather Changes
Access	260, 280, 282, 285
Ainsworth	100, 103, 107, 271, 276, 277, 145
Bridlemile	104, 232, 235, 236, 269, 141
Capitol Hill	268, 272, 274, 275, 101, 269
Chapman	124
Forest Park	126, 127, 132
Gray	147, 224, 247, 265, 272, 275, 280, 252, 268, 273
Hayhurst	247, 273, 279
Jackson	148, 232, 237, 244, 261, 263, 264, 266, 267, 270, 274, 281, 286, 247, 262, 269
Kelly	239
Lane	258
Maplewood	261, 265, 266, 267, 262
Markham	237, 262, 264, 269, 274, 261, 266, 267, 274
Richmond	257
Rieke	247, 252, 273, 237
Skyline	136, 137, 138, 139, 140
Stephenson	244, 263, 270
West Sylvan	100, 102, 103, 104, 121, 124, 126, 127, 132, 149, 235, 236, 271, 276, 277, 278, 279

## PPS Inclement Weather Scenarios

Media Message	Message Defined
PPS Regular Opening. Specific schools on snow routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students report at regular time.</li> <li>All PPS buildings open.</li> <li>Bus service at specific schools on snow routes.</li> <li>After schools and extended day programs operates without transportation.</li> </ul>
PPS specific schools or all PPS schools two hours late. Buses may or may not be on Snow routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students at specific or all schools report two (2) hours later than normal.</li> <li>All PPS buildings open.</li> <li>If announced, all buses are on snow routes, otherwise buses will run as they would normally, just two hours later.</li> <li>Before school childcare drop-off cancelled.</li> <li>AM kindergarten cancelled.</li> <li>SUN School AM classes cancelled.</li> <li>PM half-day and mid-day classes operate without transportation to school.</li> <li>After school and extended day programs operate without transportation.</li> </ul>
PPS specific schools closed. All buses on snow routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students from specific schools remain home.</li> <li>Specific school buildings closed.</li> <li>All buses on snow routes</li> <li>After school and extended day programs at open schools operate without transportation</li> </ul>
PPS specific schools closed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students from specific schools remain home.</li> <li>Specific school buildings closed.</li> </ul>
PPS schools closed. Offices open.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students remain home.</li> <li>All school buildings closed.</li> <li>Central office open.</li> <li>Rice open.</li> <li>Transportation open.</li> </ul>
All PPS closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students remain home.</li> <li>All school buildings closed.</li> <li>Office closed.</li> </ul>
PPS evening activities and events cancelled.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All evening activities, events, and trainings at PPS facilities are cancelled.</li> </ul>

## Inclement Weather Notification and 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 students registration form. You can change the phone number through your school secretary.

**Online posting:** In the “Alert Pod” on [www.pps.net](http://www.pps.net) and all school websites.

**Twitter:** Follow us @PPSConnect

**Facebook:** Like us at [www.facebook.com/pps.homepage](http://www.facebook.com/pps.homepage)

**Text messaging:** Sign up for School Messenger by texting “YES” to 68453

### Inclement Weather Information

**Safety is of utmost importance during inclement weather conditions.**

**Every bus stop and route path has been reviewed to determine if an alternate snow stop or route is required. In some cases, regular routes have been reversed or times modified for snow days. Please verify your updated snow routes, as well as regular routes and times here: [www.pps.net/bus](http://www.pps.net/bus)**

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.
- 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 in snow piles at the bus stop. Do not throw snowballs.
- Never try and retrieve an item that falls around or underneath the bus. Instead, report such an incident to the driver.
- Never chase after the bus or attempt to grab the back bumper.

### Schools With Snow Routes

If you hear an announcement that PPS is running snow routes, use the following table to determine if your regular route has an alternative snow route and associated bus stops. The table on the next page is organized by School and Route Numbers.

If you do not see your school listed or your route number, it means your bus will run its usual schedule and stops.

If under your school’s name you see your usual route number, then you have a snow route and stop. Visit [www.pps.net/bus](http://www.pps.net/bus) to see the snow route details.

**If you have a Snow Route then please verify your snow route times and stop location on the PPS website: [www.pps.net/bus](http://www.pps.net/bus). Snow routes may have different stop locations and times as not all stops are serviceable during inclement weather.**