



# 2016-2017 Kelso School District

## Plan for Inclement Weather

Last winter gave us a good reminder of how 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) **School is delayed two hours.**  
(Buses pick up students two hours later than normal; no breakfast or AM preschool)
- 2) **School is canceled for the day.**  
(All schools, activities and athletics are canceled for the day.)
- 3) **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 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 a.m. and we use a variety of methods to get the information to parents and staff.

### Flash Alert

Subscribe to FlashAlert to receive weather-related schedule changes by email and/or text messages. Push notification is available by downloading the FlashAlert app for iOS & Android smartphones. To subscribe to this free service, go to our website:  
<http://www.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.

**KLOG 1490 AM • KUKN 105.5 FM  
KRQT 107.1 FM (Rocket 107) • KEDO 1400 AM  
KLYK 94.5 FM or 97.9 FM • KBAM 1270 AM  
KPPK (The Peak) 98.3 FM • KZOE 90.3 FM**

### Twitter & Facebook

You can also follow us on Twitter @KelsoSchools and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/KelsoSchools](http://www.facebook.com/KelsoSchools) for updates on school closures and bus routes.

For a recorded telephone 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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