



## Inclement Weather Updates

# NEWSLETTER

### When the weather outside is frightful...

Forecasting the weather for school closures is not an easy task. Our district is large enough (395 square miles) that snow may accumulate in one area and not in other areas. Sedro-Woolley School District officials put a great deal of effort and thought into determining whether to keep schools open, start late, or close schools due to inclement weather conditions. Each time a decision is made, many different interests and issues are taken into consideration; the primary decision factor is student safety. Of course, parents make the final decision when sending students to school during inclement weather.

### When are decisions made?

School district officials do their best to make the decision by no later than 5 a.m. Sometimes, conditions are stable enough that the district is able to make the announcement the night before.

### No News is Good News

SWSD will report all school schedule changes to the local news media and post these changes to the home page of the [district website](#) as well as the district's [Facebook](#) page. If no reports have been made, school will begin at regularly scheduled times.



### When will my bus come?

Bus routes follow the same schedule as our schools. For example if schools are delayed two hours, bus riders can expect the bus to come approximately two hours late. On the occasion when roads are not passable, the Transportation Department may use alternate stops (refer to [Emergency Communications Bulletin](#)).

## TAKE ACTION!

To insure you are notified of school delays, closures, or other emergencies, make sure you are signed up for the following:

### **Flash Alert**

This is the first place school information is sent. It is the same source that media outlets use to feed the information ticker that runs on the bottom of the screen during a newscast. Sign up at <https://www.flashalert.net> and review your account each year to ensure that you continue to receive messages.

### **Skylert**

SMS Messaging: A new feature in Skyward Family Access. Families must "opt-in". Please update your information in the Skyward system.

Directions available on [page 2](#).

### **Monitor**

#### Facebook

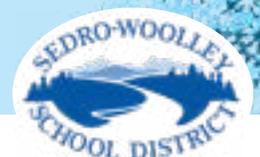
[@SedroWoolleySchoolDistrict](#)

#### Twitter

[@SedroWoolleySD](#)

#### District website

[www.swsd.k12.wa.us](http://www.swsd.k12.wa.us)



# How can I receive notifications?

Sedro-Woolley School District has the ability to send SMS messaging along with email and phone blasts. This provides parents with another method to receive important notifications such as school closures, delays, or other emergencies. To receive notifications visit [www.swsd.k12.wa.us](http://www.swsd.k12.wa.us) and log into the Skyward Family Access link located at the bottom of the photos on the district website.



## Skylert - "Opt-In" Directions

Use your Username and Password to log into Skyward and access Skylert.

- 1** Click Skylert
- 2** If you need to update primary telephone numbers or email addresses, contact your student's school building secretary.
- 3** Customize notification preferences based on the type of notification. Emergency notifications include information about school closures or other school emergencies such as lockdowns.
- 4** Add a text/SMS number (this is optional but recommended). Also select your notification preferences.
- 5** Click Save

