



Frequently Asked Weather-Related Questions

How do I know if school has been canceled or delayed?

- ✓ **Announcements are for one (1) day only and are generally made by 5:00 a.m.**
- ✓ **No announcement means normal operations.**

Listen to the radio between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. if you feel the weather may create hazardous traveling conditions. Radio and television stations will be announcing schedule changes by district name (Sedro-Woolley) and district number (101). Please do not call the radio stations. You may call the District's **Emergency Message Line 360-855-3573** for the latest schedule changes or access the information through the District's website <http://www.swsd.k12.wa.us> or the **District Facebook page** <https://www.facebook.com/SedroWoolleySchoolDistrict/>.

If there is no announcement, then there will be normal school operations for the day.

FM Stations AM Stations

KLSY 92.5 KMPS 94.1 KBSG 1210 KING 1090
KMTT 103.7 KNDD 107.7 KCIS 630 KBRC 1430
KPLZ 101.5 KPLU 88.5 KAPS 660 KIRO 710
KSER 90.7 KBSG 97.3 KMPS 1300 KOMO 1000
KVTI 90.9 KUBE 93
KAFE 104.1 KISM 92.9

TV Stations: KOMO (4), KING (5), KIRO (7), FOX (13)

You can also subscribe to FlashAlerts: <https://www.flashalert.net/id/SedroWoolleySD>. You will receive e-mail notifications as soon as our transportation department posts the information.

What does it mean when we post “2-hour Late Start with Snow Bus Routes”?

If you live on a route in which could be treacherous for buses (a route with steep hills, for example), we will not operate when snow bus routes are in effect.

These are the impacted areas:

Amick Rd	Gunderson Rd	Nookachamp Hill Rd
Bacus Hill	Hathaway Hill	North Pinelli Rd
Baker Heights Rd	Helmick (past Reservation)	Old Day Creek Rd (past “C” Street)
Buchanan Hill	Hoogdal Branch Rd	Pipeline Rd
Crested Butte Rd	Janicki Rd	Portabello Rd
Delvan Hill	Knapp Rd	Prevedal Rd
Finn Settlement	Lake Cavanaugh (past Mile Marker #4)	Valeria Rd
Garden of Eden Hill	Little Mountain	Valley View Rd
Grip Road (between Prairie & Hoogdal Branch Rd)	Morford Rd	Walker Valley Rd
	Mountain View	

Where will my student be picked up and dropped off when Snow Bus Routes are in effect?

All students will be picked up (AM) and dropped off (PM) at the same location regardless of changes in weather. If your child rides a school bus, please check with the bus driver for your pick-up location if your road is on the limited transportation list. You can also call the Transportation Department at [360-855-3504](tel:360-855-3504).

What does it mean when we post “2-hour Late Start with Regular Bus Routes”?

All students will be picked up (AM) and dropped off (PM) at their regular location unless there are significant changes in weather. Emergency drop-off routes would be announced on the District [Facebook](#) page and District [Website](#).

Affected programs and transportation are:

- No AM Preschools or Head Start
- No Before school music programs
- No Breakfast served, except at SWHS
- No AM or PM NCTA transportation
- No Field Trips – in or out of district
- No Out of district transportation

What does it mean when we post “2-hour Late Start with Limited Bus Routes”?

All students will be picked up (AM) and dropped off (PM) at their regular location unless their specific route is included in the announcement. The impacted routes would be announced on the District [Facebook](#) page and District [Website](#).

Affected programs and transportation are:

- No AM Preschools or Head Start
- No Before school music programs
- No Breakfast served, except at SWHS
- No AM or PM NCTA transportation
- No Field Trips – in or out of district
- No Out of district transportation

Which services and operations are impacted when schools are on a two-hour late start?

- **No late-start Professional Learning Wednesdays, if delay is on a Wednesday**
- All bus schedules will be two hours later than normal; *Please expect delays due to road conditions*
- **Pick-up and drop-off locations will be the same for both AM/PM that day**
- Pick-up and drop-off locations for alternate routes will be communicated to each student
- No AM or PM Northwest Career & Technical Academy (Skills Center) transportation
- No AM preschool (Good Beginnings, Co-Operatives, Cub Club) or Head Start
- No before school programs, at all; including before school music programs
- Breakfast will not be served
- ELL After-School Programs will be decided by 1 p.m.
- Lake Cavanaugh – parent call. (Pick-up/drop-off at Mile Marker #4)
- **No Out-of-District Transportation:** This involves all special programs including regular special education, hearing-impaired, McKinney/Vento (homeless) students, and Northwest Career & Technical Academy (Skills Center).
 - What does out-of-district mean?***
This is for those who live outside of the Sedro-Woolley School District boundary.
- **Driver’s Education Classes and/or Drives** – Families will also receive a separate email from the program coordinator
- **No Field Trips:** All field trips within the district and outside of the district will be canceled.
- **Athletic Trips:** All organized sports events that will require traveling to other school districts will be determined by 1 p.m. each day.
- **Meetings:** All meetings and events will be determined by 1:00 p.m. each day.

- **Unannounced Changes:** Since conditions change rapidly, please be prepared for unanticipated changes your child’s bus driver may make while in route. These can include: route changes, time changes, bus stop changes, etc. The drivers are highly skilled and trained to handle their busses under all conditions, and their professional judgment under adverse driving conditions will often determine unannounced late changes. **Bus routes and stops for transportation home will be the same as in the morning.**

How does my CMS or SWHS student know their bell schedule for a 2-hour delay?



**2-HOUR LATE START
BELL SCHEDULE
CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL**



1st Period 9:43–10:20
2nd Period 10:24–11:01

7th Grade Lunch 11:01–11:31

3rd Period 11:35–12:12

3rd Period 11:05–11:42

8th Grade Lunch 11:42–12:12

4th Period 12:16–12:53

5th Period 12:57–1:34

6th Period 1:38–2:15



**2-HOUR LATE START
BELL SCHEDULE
SEDRO-WOOLLEY HIGH SCHOOL**



1st/5th Period 9:55 10:55

2nd/6th Period 11:00 11:55

3rd/7th Period

LUNCH	CLASS TIME
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A 12:00–12:30	12:35–1:30
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B 1:00–1:30	12:00–12:55
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4th/8th Period	1:35	2:30
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*Doors open at 9:20 a.m.

SSHS 2-Hours Late Arrival Schedule

Schedule is determined by school officials and will be shared with students at the beginning of the school day.

Why does the district usually wait until 5 a.m. to decide about canceling or delaying school?

Weather in the Puget Sound area is tricky for forecasters, so there are many instances when a weather event is predicted and then the event doesn't come to fruition. We only build in two make-up days into the school calendar each year, so we try to use a two-hour delay when possible to avoid having to use the make-up days or needing to add additional days after the last day of school in June. When the weather forecast is questionable, we wait and assess overnight conditions before making an announcement. Because our school district encompasses 395 square miles, it takes significant time for our transportation team to drive our troublesome routes. They are typically on the road before 3 a.m. We know parents and staff would rather know about delays or closures the day before. Unfortunately, it's not possible to do that every time with weather events.

Why does the district sometimes say there is a two-hour delay the night before and then cancel school completely the following morning?

Weather is fickle. If we think there is a chance we may have to cancel, we will do our best to included something like this in the messaging: *We will be reassessing conditions in the early morning hours and if closure is required we will communicate that by 5 a.m. on the District Facebook page and website. We will also do an auto-dial at around 6 a.m.*