



INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES & INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency or inclement weather, the Bethel School District will take all precautions to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

For inclement weather that impacts school start or end times, the district will utilize the following forms of communication to relay important information to families and staff.

- Phone call & email to families*
- Radio & Television stations
- FlashAlert (*sign up at flashalert.net*)
- District & School websites – bethelsd.org
- Facebook ([Bethel School District](https://www.facebook.com/BethelSchoolDistrict)) & Twitter ([@BethelSD](https://twitter.com/BethelSD))
- Emergency Hotline: 253.683.6001

School Closures & Modifications

Schools Closed – This means all Bethel schools are closed for all students, and no transportation will be provided to other schools outside of the district, even though they may be open. All scheduled activities are also cancelled.

Two Hours Late – This means buses will begin their first route two hours late but at regularly scheduled stops. There will be **NO** preschool, ECEAP, Head Start, LSA, or classes at CHS, late start or early release programs, and no out-of-district transportation.

Snow Routes in Effect – Due to road conditions, some bus stops have changed location. Snow route information is available at bethelsd.org/snowroutes.

**Please make sure your contact information is up to date with your school so you will receive the phone calls and emails. The system is set up to call the primary phone number only.*

BE PREPARED FOR A SCHOOL EMERGENCY

- Ensure that your child's emergency contact information is accurate and current.

IN CASE OF A SCHOOL EMERGENCY

- **DO NOT** call or rush to your child's school. Phone lines and staff are needed for emergency response efforts.
- **DO NOT** phone your child. Staff and students are discouraged from using cell phone communications for safety reasons.

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IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THESE TERMS.

Modified Lockdown – A modified lockdown takes place if an external threat is identified near the school. All exterior school doors are locked and students are confined to the building.*

Lockdown – A lockdown takes place if an internal or external threat is identified at the school. All school doors are locked and students are confined to classrooms.*

Shelter in Place – Students take refuge in designated areas to protect them from hazardous materials or severe weather.*

**No entry into or exit from the school will be allowed until an "all-clear" announcement is made.*

Evacuation – In the event of certain building emergencies, students will be relocated to an evacuation assembly area.

Reunification – Parents/guardians will be directed by school Emergency Notification System, or public safety officials via media, to their child's specific location.*

**Students will be released ONLY to parents/guardians or those who are documented as emergency contacts and who present a picture ID such as a driver's license, military ID or passport.*



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