



## SNOW BULLETIN



Dear Parent or Guardian:

The following information is for reference in the event that the schools are closed/delayed/released early due to inclement weather or other emergencies. IF NO ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE, SCHOOLS AND BUSES WILL BE OPERATING ON REGULAR SCHEDULES. The district will make every attempt to reach a decision on school closures or delays by 6:00am. When weather or other emergency conditions dictate the closure or delayed start of our schools, information will be provided via our phone notification system and Seattle TV (KOMO, KING, KIRO and KCPQ) and local radio stations KXXO (MIXX 96.1FM), KGY (1240AM or 96.9FM), KITI (1420AM or 95.1FM), and KELA (1470AM or KMNT 104.3FM).

**PLEASE TUNE YOUR RADIO/TV TO ONE OF THE ABOVE STATIONS AND LISTEN UNTIL YOU HEAR THE ANNOUNCEMENT.** Please do not telephone radio or television stations for this information.

**School Closure:** When a school is closed all day, any school activities and community events scheduled on that school campus are generally cancelled.

**Two-hour delay:** All schools will open two hours late. Although buses will start their runs two hours later than usual, road conditions may cause delays. Limited transportation will be announced if road conditions cause restrictions in designated areas. If school is open, but you think it would be a danger or hardship for your child to go, school officials will accept your judgment. (It will be treated as an excused absence.)

- **Breakfast:** If school is delayed two hours or more, breakfast will be **cancelled** for that day.
- **Special Education Pre-School:** If school is delayed two hours or more, special education pre-school classes will be **cancelled**.

**Snow Routes:** Weather conditions make it necessary to modify bus routes, and when that occurs, radio and TV stations will be asked to announce the use of "snow routes" or "emergency routes."

**Early Release:** The District will make every effort to operate normally, despite the weather. On rare occasions, however, weather conditions may require schools to be closed early. In that event, the normal busing sequence will be followed, that is, taking the RHS and RMS students home first, followed by RPS and GMES students approximately 1 to 2 hours later. Information about early school closures will be provided via our phone notification system and the TV and radio stations listed above. Parents/guardians should plan for adequate home supervision in the event that unscheduled early dismissal of students is necessary. Parents are also asked to remind students to be especially careful when walking or waiting for a bus during bad weather.

**FlashAlert.net Notification Service:** The Rochester School District has subscribed to an Internet-based system for delivering changes in schedule (such as delays or closures) to the news media. Message delivery is being extended directly to the public through a system called FlashAlert. You are now able to self-register and manage up to three home or office email and/or cell phones and receive emergency information just minutes after the school district posts it, at no cost to you.

1. Go to [www.FlashAlert.net](http://www.FlashAlert.net)
2. On the top menu bar, select "**Manage Your Messages**" <http://www.flashalert.net/>
3. You may either update your current account, or click on "**Create New Account: Click here**"
4. Enter your primary email address, and create a password
  - Select the region of **Seattle/Western Wash.**
  - Type Rochester in the search box and click search.
  - Click on the search result **Rochester SD.**
  - Type the primary email address for this account and click subscribe.
  - Re-enter the address and password, then **Create your Account.**
  - Manage Your Email/Cell Messages:
  - Check the primary email address again. If you want push notifications on your cell phone you will need to download the app from Google Play or the iTunes App Store (search for Flash Alert Messenger). Directions for this part are in the "**My Linked Phones Apps**" then click on "**Learn more about the Messenger App here.**"



It is everyone's hope that weather conditions will not disrupt transportation and schools. Our most critical concern, however, is the safety and welfare of our students.

Sincerely,  
Kim Fry  
Superintendent



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If you have updated emergency information for your child, please contact the school immediately.