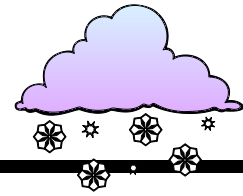


# LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SNOW DAY POLICIES



## **CLOSING OF SCHOOLS**

There will be times during the year when, under existing conditions, City, County and State Road Departments cannot clear the roads in time to start school. In addition, when power failures occur, school cannot be held because all our heating systems require electricity.

During storms, our maintenance crews are normally plowing school areas by 4:00 am. In addition, Transportation travels the roads throughout the District between 4:00 am and 5:00 am. A decision will usually be made by 5:45 am as to whether or not buses will be able to safely travel bus routes.

## **NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS**

Snow day information will be updated on the LTUSD web site by 6:00am. Radio stations KOWL, KTHO & KRLT are also notified whether there will be 1) School open as usual, 2)Main stops 3) Delayed Start 4) School Closed. These radio stations make the announcement every ten or fifteen minutes, beginning at 6:00 am until approximately 8:00 am. Parents should listen for ten or fifteen minutes for the announcement to be made.

www.ltusd.org  
KRLT - 93.9 FM  
KOWL - 1490 AM  
KTHO - 590 AM

**CHECK THE DISTRICT WEB SITE**  
[www.ltusd.org](http://www.ltusd.org)  
**OR CALL THE SNOWLINE FOR**  
**INFORMATION**  
**541-(INFO) (541-4636)**

***YOU ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED NOT TO CALL THE RADIO STATIONS***, as the announcer cannot answer the telephone and man the radio station at the same time.

It is seldom practical to notify you on the previous night, often what looks hopeless at midnight is plowed by morning, and sometimes what looks good at midnight is hopeless by morning! For these reasons, **WE WILL ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE EARLY MORNING NOTIFICATION POLICY.**

## **VARIATIONS IN WEATHER CONDITION**

There will be times when school will be closed, though your area appears clear. Snow conditions vary widely throughout the District. **OUR DECISION MUST BE BASED ON THE OVERALL CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT**, which must be operated as a unit for legal reasons. We assure you that school will be held whenever possible; it is highly inconvenient and costly to the District not to conduct classes.

## **“DELAYED START”**

When the radio announcement states **“DELAYED START”**, the following schedule will be in effect: Grades K-12 will begin one hour later than usual, returning home at their regular time. Afternoon K classes will start at their normal time. The **“DELAYED START”** discussed here will begin one hour later than the normal starting time on other days.



### "MAIN BUS STOPS ONLY"

When the radio announcement states "MAIN BUS STOPS ONLY", please have your child use the "MAIN BUS STOPS" as indicated below:

#### Regular Stops

Apache/Bella Coola  
Apache/Chippewa  
All Tahoe Mountain  
Fortune/Del Norte  
Mandan/Objibwa  
So. Upper Truckee/  
Memory Lane

#### Main Stops

Roadrunner/Hwy 50  
Apache/Cheyenne  
Lake T. Blvd./Clearview  
Copper/Amador  
Pioneer/Atroari  
Panorama/South  
Upper Truckee

### EARLY DISMISSAL

There may be days when school must be dismissed early because of weather conditions or power failure. **Please listen to the radio on all days of unusually severe weather, especially on days when weather conditions become worse as the day progresses.** Announcements of early dismissal will always be made over KOWL, and KRLT. School buses will take children to the regular stops on these days, UNLESS YOU ARE NOTIFIED OF EXCEPTIONS BY RADIO. **(Please make plans in advance for such days if you cannot be at home, and discuss these plans with your children so that they know what to do and where to go.)**

If you feel it is necessary to pick up your child on these days, please do not block the normal bus loading zones. Park in the regular parking spaces, rather than at the loading curb.

### BUS ROUTES

On occasion, stalled vehicles or other temporary conditions will make the following of normal routes impossible, even though things may have been clear earlier in the day. When this occurs on the trip home, **CHILDREN WILL BE DROPPED OFF AS NEAR TO THE REGULAR STOP AS POSSIBLE.**

### DELAYS IN PICKUPS

May we suggest that on days when school is held and snow conditions are heavy, parents ALLOW TEN TO FIFTEEN MINUTES TIME FOR BUS DELAY.

### PARENTS WHO TAKE PUPILS TO SCHOOL

If you normally take your child to school, please be sure that SCHOOL IS BEING HELD before delivering your child to school. A child dropped off at the corner to walk even a short distance to a closed school is exposed unnecessarily to danger.

### CONDUCT

Student behavior on school buses is usually very good. However, there are times when standards slip. Throwing snowballs in or from the school buses is EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS and can jeopardize the safety of other students. Please emphasize to your children the dangers to themselves, the busload of children, and other individuals or vehicles of throwing anything while on a school bus.

### SNOW DAY MAKE UP

There are three (3) snow days built into the calendar. Should we exceed three days, they will be added at the end of the school year. Should we not use the three days built into the calendar, school will close earlier than scheduled.

We hope that this letter has been of help to you and that it will make understandable our possible us fo the DELAYED START schedule closing of school on a few days during the snow season.



**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S PRINCIPAL**

<b>LTESMS</b>	<b>543-2371</b>
<b>Bijou</b>	<b>543-2337</b>
<b>Sierra House</b>	<b>543-2327</b>
<b>Tahoe Valley</b>	<b>543-2350</b>
<b>STMS</b>	<b>541-6404</b>
<b>STHS</b>	<b>541-4111</b>