

# LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SNOW DAY POLICIES



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OR CALL THE SNOWLINE FOR  
INFORMATION

541-(INFO) = (541-4636)

## 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

**We will use Connect Ed, to update each home in the district by telephone.**

**Snow day information will be updated on the LTUSD web site by 6:00am.**

Radio stations KTHO, KOWL & KRLT are also notified whether there will be Delayed Start or 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.

KTHO – 590 AM  
KRLT - 93.9 FM  
KOWL - 1490 AM

***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 delay start option is activated the following schedule will be in effect: Grades K-12 will begin one hour later than usual, returning home at their regular time. Bus pick up times will begin one hour later than usual. Notification through Connect Ed and local news media will be provided.





### **EARLY DISMISSAL**

There may be days when school must be dismissed early because of weather conditions or power failure. **We will use Connect Ed, to update each home in the District by telephone.** Please update your **Connect Ed. Information if necessary to ensure you will be notified. 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 KTHO, KOWL, and KRLT. School buses will take children to the regular stops on these days, **UNLESS YOU ARE NOTIFIED OF EXCEPTIONS BY CONNECT ED. OR LOCAL NEW MEDIA. (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 vehicle parking spaces; rather than at the bus 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, students will be dropped off as near to the regular bus stop as is possible.

### **DELAYS IN PICKUPS**

On days when school is held and snow conditions are heavy, please **ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR BUS DELAY**, due to road conditions

### **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 may 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.

#### **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT**

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