



**Banks School District**  
**12950 NW Main St.**  
**Banks, OR 97106**

November, 2019

The recent chilly weather and fall leaves remind us that winter is not far away. Because the Banks District covers a wide area with diverse weather and road conditions, there may be times when it is necessary to close or delay school or use snow routes. Because the District must meet a required minimum number of attendance days, there may be days when school will be in session even though bus service will not be provided to students who live in areas designated as "Snow Routes". Use of these transportation options allow us maximum flexibility to keep schools open when road conditions vary from location to location within the District. Our goal is to keep schools open when we can safely transport the majority of the students. All students are expected to attend school if bus service is provided to their location. If bus service is **not** provided to your student on a given day, **there is no academic penalty**.

After road safety checks, decisions on transportation changes will be made jointly by the Superintendent and Mid-Columbia Bus Company. In all instances, decisions will be made with the safety of students as the primary consideration. Every attempt will be made to make the decisions prior to 5:45 AM. At that point the information is reported to the radio and television broadcast networks. The Banks School District also uses FLASHALERT to notify subscribers of school closures, late starts, and emergency information. To subscribe please go to [www.flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net).

Please note the following important information:

1. During adverse weather conditions, buses may run late, so children should be dressed warmly and be prepared for a possible longer wait at the pick-up location.
2. If a student is picked up in the morning at the "Snow Route" location, he/she will be dropped off at that same location in the afternoon.
3. If parents choose to have their children ride the bus, it is their responsibility to get the students to and from the bus stops.
4. If you live in a "Snow Route" location that is not receiving bus transportation on a given day, and you choose to deliver your student to school, it is also your responsibility to provide transportation home at the end of the day.
5. Specific information pertaining to your children is on the reverse side.

Check out Banks School District web site: [www.banks.k12.or.us](http://www.banks.k12.or.us) for up-to-date school closure information after 6AM daily.

Sincerely,

Jeff Leo, Superintendent

