

2009-10 Winter Transportation Update

When the weather outside is frightful ...

Monroe Public Schools is dedicated to ensuring a safe ride to school for your child(ren) in all weather conditions. Transportation will only be provided when it is determined conditions are safe. If school is canceled due to weather or another emergency, Monroe Public Schools will use June 21, 22, 23 and 24 (in this order) in 2010 as school make up days. Students and their families will be notified prior to using these dates as school days.

There will be times when transportation services will either be canceled or significantly altered to ensure the safety of our students. The information that follows explains potential changes that could occur. School will always be open unless a Monroe Public Schools' closure announcement is recorded on the [School Schedule HOTLINE \(360.804.2950\)](tel:360.804.2950).

Changes to transportation services are **usually decided by 6 a.m.**, however with the speed our weather changes **some decisions may be made later**. A **Bus HOTLINE (360.804.2951)** has also been established to provide information when school buses are running late due to road construction, traffic or an accident.

Typical school schedule announcements during poor weather may include:

- **Schools Closed** - All Monroe Public Schools will be closed. It is understood that all school meetings and after-school activities are automatically canceled unless specific announcements are made to the contrary. If the weather improves, families may listen to the School Schedule Hotline for updated information about events and activities.
- **Two Hours Late** - Schools will start two hours late. Buses will arrive at the bus stop two hours later than usual. Schools will close at the regular times.

If school is 2 hours late then the following is predetermined, there will be:

- No Kindergarten for the session scheduled that morning
- No Pre-school for the session scheduled that morning
- No transportation to ROTC
- No transportation to programs outside the district

(Includes Sno-Isle Skills Center which follows the Mukilteo School District's schedule)

NOTE: *Bus will arrive 2 hours later than normal at your stop, but due to conditions this may vary from route to route.*

- **Limited Bus Transportation** - Monroe Public Schools will be open with limited transportation service. (Limited routes listed inside.) Limited transportation service means some bus routes will travel a different route. Please note: Posted weight restrictions on local roads apply to school buses.

CAUTION: When weather changes during the day road conditions will be reviewed. Any changes to service will be reported through email alerts, on the website and the Bus Hotline. In addition,

bus routes may attempt to run, however upon arrival at each area, the bus driver may decide a safety hazard exists and will not be able to complete the scheduled route. Drivers will use alternate routes to bypass the more dangerous roads. (See limited routes inside.) In this case, a message is recorded on the **Bus Hotline (360.804.2951)** and no child leaves the bus without contact being made with families to ensure there is a safe place for the child. In the event a parent or guardian cannot be reached the child is returned to either the school or the Transportation Office, 1410 W. Main Street in downtown Monroe.

We strive to provide the best in service to our families so when the weather improves by the afternoon, buses may be able to complete regular routes in the afternoon that were unable to be traveled in the morning. This information is also recorded on the **Bus Hotline (360.804.2951)**.