



Banks School District #13

42350 NW Trellis Street, Banks, OR 97106 (Temp. address)
Office: 503-324-8591 Fax: 503-324-3333 (Temp. Fax)
Dr. Brian Sica, Superintendent

How are school closures and late starts determined?

With the presence of inclement weather brings the possibility of changes to our school district operations. The potential changes are:

- Transportation - Individual Routes may be placed on Snow Routes or Limited Routes (More Severe). Please note, if the route is adjusted for the AM trip, the PM trip will follow the same adjustment.
- Delayed Opening - School buildings may be delayed in opening for two hours from their original time.
- Full District Closure - If conditions are such that staff and students can not safely travel to school.
- Early Release - In the event of the onset of inclement and worsening conditions during the school day. This is rare, however families should discuss the potential need of unexpected childcare.

Our process is to continuously monitor weather forecasts throughout winter. When forecasts indicate a chance of inclement weather we begin monitoring conditions the evening prior. Then, transportation and district officials monitor actual conditions in the early morning. A decision on transportation or other operating conditions will be made by 5:30 AM. All information will be communicated through Flash Alert. Please make sure to subscribe to this service.

Washington County has informed us that over 80% of our students reside below 200 feet in elevation. As a result, the majority of the winter our weather response will be adjusted by bus routes. However, some families will experience significantly different conditions based on their elevation. Families will always be supported in making their own decisions for their students and there will be no academic penalties for students who are unable to attend due to transportation concerns.
