

Lonoke School District Inclement Weather Procedures

In the event of bad weather or hazardous conditions that originate over night, announcements regarding the closing of school will be communicated by **6:30 a.m.**

The following methods of communication will be used to inform students, parents, faculty, and staff of school closings: **School Messenger** (automated phone system), **Lonoke School District web page (lonokeschools.org)**, and **television (channels 4, 7, 11, & 16)**.

If the hazardous conditions are only temporary in the morning, school may open (1-2) hours later than usual. Bus drivers will start their routes (1-2) hours later than usual on these days.

Some conditions may call for routes being adjusted to **“SNOW AND ICE ROUTES”** due to specific roads being worse than others. The routes will be published in the paper and may be found on the district web page: **lonokeschools.org**. This will be announced if it occurs.

The lists below are not exhaustive, but give a general idea of areas as they relate to weather conditions. **Parents should stay with their children until the bus arrives as times will vary.** If parents bring their children to school, they will also need to pick them up after school as well. Parents need to arrange for someone to be home if their children ride the bus in the afternoon.

Procedure for Early Dismissal During the School Day

If it is necessary to dismiss school early due to weather changes, there will be at least one hour warning to allow all the bus drivers and parents to prepare. All methods of communication will be used to help inform parents of the early dismissal. Please arrange for someone to be at your child's stop when the bus arrives.

Flood Routes

The following routes have roads that are prone to flooding. If there is an excessive amount of rain that makes the following roads impassable, then the children will need to be picked up and dropped off at the following locations. If a driver feels it is unsafe to travel a road, that road will not be traveled. Some decisions will be made by the driver as they progress through their route. Bus radios are installed on all buses for better communication.

Special Needs Buses

Antujan Terry – Bus #35: Bevis Road, Cole Road, & South Kerr Road, Lingo will not pick up on these roads

Wesley Bynum – Bus #44: Hwy 89, Tippitt Road, AR Hwy 236 West, AR 31 North (if flooded), John Shelton, Wattensaw Rd. will not pick up on these roads

***We will attempt to notify parents of changes on these two routes if possible.

US Hwy 70 East toward Carlisle

Marcel Vincent - Bus #23: Miller Road, Moody Road, Tomlinson Road, Bob Long Road: Will not pick up on these roads

AR Hwy 31 South Area

Sharon Varnadore - Bus #33: Simpsom Road, Laster Road and Coleman Road: Will pick up where these roads intersect with AR Hwy 31 South

Joyce Smith - Bus # 32: Bevis Road, Pettus Road, Cole Road: Will pick up at the where these roads intersect with AR Hwy 31 South or Bevis Corner & AR Hwy 15

US Hwy 70 West & Scott Area

Eli Gooden - Bus #36 - Young Road, J.S. Jones: Will pick up at where these roads intersect with Hwy 70

Mary Reisz - Bus #38: Anderson Road, Davidson Road, S. Kerr Road, Wayne Lane

Will pick up where these roads intersect with US Hwy 70 West,

AR Hwy 89, AR Hwy 294, Furlow & Jacksonville Area

Billie Armstrong - Bus #7: AR Hwy 89: Should be able to run entire route

Chris Yielding - Bus #21: Should be able to travel entire route

Tim Ward - Bus #47: Should be able to travel entire route

David Hixson - Bus #40: Should be able to travel entire route

Barbie Phillips - Bus #48: John Shelton Rd.: Will pick up at Church at intersection of John Shelton Rd. and AR Hwy 294

Carla Rolax - Bus #30: Rifle Lane and Shotgun Lane: Will pick up at the intersection of Rifle Lane, Shotgun & Gentry Road

Jacob Clanton Bus #34: N. Johnson will pick up at the intersection of N. Johnson & Johnson Rd.

Mary Reisz - Bus #38: Carson Bridge Rd., Williamson Blvd, Keith Dr., Bradley Ln, Craig Drive:
Should be able to drive this portion of route

AR Hwy 31 North

If AR Hwy 31 North is flooded, these routes will not run at all. If AR Hwy 31 North is not flooded:

Linda Sadler - Bus #41: AR Hwy 236 West (Includes: Fairview Rd., Smyrna Rd., D. Plummer Rd., Higgins Ln., Scout Ln.): Will pick up where 236 intersects with AR Hwy 31 North, **Earl Verser Road:** Will pick up where Earl Verser Rd. intersects with AR Hwy 31 North, **Brownsville Loop** pick up where Brownsville Loop intersects with Hwy 31 North

Dean Fritz - Bus #37: AR Hwy 236 East (includes Clayhill Rd., Porter Rd, Wattensaw Rd., Oakdale Rd.): Will pick up where these roads intersect with AR Hwy 31 North. **Tippitt Road:** Will pick up at Tippitt and AR Hwy 31 North

Pat Matarazzo - Bus #39: Coulter Road, Ferguson Road, Frontage Road: Will not pick up at all.

Snow and Ice Routes

In preparation for the winter weather, the School district is initiating Snow and Ice routes for buses. Only the main roads will be traveled, if passable:

US Hwy 70 East toward Carlisle

AR Hwy 31 South & AR Hwy 15 North

US Hwy 70 West & Scott Area

AR Hwy 89, AR Hwy 294, & Jacksonville Area

AR Hwy 31 North

Students who live on side roads may meet where their road intersects with the main roads listed above.