

Snow Routes

The weather last winter reminded us that we need some back-up plans for when main roads become impassable. Last year we found travel on many of our “back roads”, to be particularly difficult for our buses. The freezing and thawing, in some cases, prevented snow plows from opening up back roads and in other cases, made bus travel almost impossible. As a back-up plan for days when back roads are impassable, the district is now introducing a SNOW ROUTE PLAN. On days when highways are clear, but back roads may be too ice/snow covered or too soft for buses to travel, we are going to give parents of students who live on these roads a better option for getting their children to school.

On days when you are notified that we are attending school under the SNOW ROUTE PLAN, bus students who live on Rt. 17, Rt. 91, Rt. 93 and Rt. 78 will not be significantly affected. However, parents of other bus students will be asked to transport their children to one of the following drop off points in order to ride a bus to school:

Location	Bus a.m. arrival time	Bus a.m. departure time	Bus p.m. drop-off time	Probable Bus
Rest Area on Rt. 40 north of St. Timothy Church	By 7:15	By 7:25	By 3:30	#14
Rumbold and Kuhn Elevator on Rt. 17	By 7:15	By 7:25	By 3:30	#15
Kraft Fertilizer on Route 91	By 7:15	By 7:25	By 3:30	#12
West Jersey Township Building on Rt. 78	By 7:00	By 7:15	By 3:30	#6
LaFayette Park	By 7:00	By 7:15	By 3:30	#2
Elmira Township Building in Osceola	By 7:00	By 7:05	By 3:35	#9
Rt. 93 Junction in Elmira	By 7:10	By 7:15	By 3:30	#9

Let me first assure you that we do not plan to implement the Snow Route Plan unless exceptional, ongoing conditions warrant doing so. Secondly, please keep in mind that if you feel the weather conditions are too dangerous to safely transport your child to a Snow Route Location or to school, you have the option of calling in and receiving an excused absence for your child for the day in question.

The intent of implementing this plan is to provide you with a safe way of getting your child to school on days when back roads are impassable but our main roads are accessible. Hopefully, the SNOW ROUTE PLAN will get very limited use, but just in the case the weather is uncooperative, we want you to be aware of this back up plan to get kids to school.

Once again, thank you for your help and your support in making District #100 “a place where everybody is somebody”.

Jerry Klooster, Supt.

If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Remember, we all want our students to have a safe and rewarding school experience throughout the year.