

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: **Lonoke Public Schools Facebook page** (<https://www.facebook.com/LonokeSchoolDistrict>), **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, then school may open one (1-2) hours later. Bus drivers will start their routes (1-2) hours later than usual on these days.

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.

Snow/Ice Routes

Some conditions may call for routes being adjusted to **"SNOW AND ICE ROUTES"** due to specific roads being worse than others. This will be announced if it occurs.

The list below gives 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. If you meet your children's bus at a main road in the morning; they will need to be picked up in the same spot in the afternoon.

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.

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.