

## School closure information

Please be prepared for school closures due to bad weather or other emergency situations. Depending on the circumstances, schools could be closed for one day or several days. Schools could open two hours later than usual or close earlier than scheduled.

To find out if schools are closed:

- Check “Emergency Closure Information” on the district website: <http://www.vansd.org>.
- Check the Flash Alert website: <http://www.flashalert.net> (select Portland/Vancouver area, then Clark County Schools, then Vancouver School District).
- Sign up for free FlashAlert text and/or email messages. You must renew this service each year. Both websites listed above will take you to the Emergency Messages page for Vancouver School District. Find “Emergency Alerts,” click “Subscribe” and follow directions.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see our school closure posts: [www.facebook.com/VancouverPublicSchools](http://www.facebook.com/VancouverPublicSchools) and <https://twitter.com/VancouverSD>.
- Listen to your local radio and television stations.
- Call the School Closure Information Line at 360-313-1401.

If schools are closed, the main school phone numbers will allow you to connect to the School Closure Information Line.

The decision to close or delay the opening of school due to snow or icy roads usually is made early in the morning of that school day. If weather becomes threatening during the school day, schools may close early. If schools are closed, all after-school and evening school activities are canceled for that day.

Snow/ice routes may be used for some school bus routes. Families that would be impacted by altered bus routes will receive letters with detailed bus stop information. Snow/ice route information also will be sent to the schools affected and posted on school websites.

Schools in Washington State must, by law, provide 180 days of instruction each year. These days have been designated as make-up days in case scheduled school days are canceled: January 29, June 18, June 19, and June 20, 2014. If school must be closed more than four days, additional make-up days may be added.