

Sierra Lutheran High School Snow Day, Late Start, and Early-Home Procedures

Sierra Lutheran High School is committed to proclaiming Jesus Christ through excellence in education in a safe and affirming environment. To this end, SLHS consistently reviews its educational and safety practices to ensure that these objectives are met.

As it relates to the school's process for ensuring student-family safety with respect to winter conditions, SLHS has adopted the following steps to inform families of any interruption to a school day. And while SLHS desires to, at every opportunity, adhere to the adopted school schedule and calendar, it does so with an equal value on student safety.

Given the school's diverse catchment area, SLHS is obligated to take into account the weather conditions across all precincts in order to make prudent judgments that protect the greater good of its community. In conjunction with advanced weather reports and ongoing communication across the school's broad attendance area in advance of (and during) inclement weather conditions, **SLHS will inform its families of the status of a school day by 6:00 a.m.**, as follows:

School Day As Scheduled – If, after consulting a variety of weather reports and receiving phone communication across the school's various precincts, it is determined that the overall weather conditions do not appear to place SLHS students or families at risk, an All-Call message will be released and a notice will be placed on the front page of the school website.

9:30 Late Start Notification - If, after consulting a variety of weather reports and receiving phone communication across the school's various precincts, it is determined that the overall weather conditions will permit school to occur but later, in order to allow for snow removal and/or icy conditions at SLHS to abate, an All-Call message will be released and a notice will be placed on the front page of the school website indicating a 9:30 a.m. start time.

Snow Day Notification - If, after consulting a variety of weather reports and receiving phone communication across the school's various precincts, it is determined that the overall weather conditions throughout the school's broad attendance area would, generally speaking, compromise the safety of the larger SLHS community, an All-Call message will be released and a notice will be placed on the front page of the school website indicating that school has been cancelled for that day.

Early-Home Notification - If, after consulting a variety of weather reports and receiving phone communication across the school's various precincts, it is determined that the overall weather conditions are such that student-family safety would be compromised by SLHS continuing the school day to completion, an All-Call message will be released and a notice will be placed on the front page of the school website indicating that school has been cancelled for the balance of that day.

Additionally, if an act of God interrupts utility service that comprises student safety or otherwise compromises the learning environment AND prohibits SLHS from placing an All-Call message or posting a website announcement, SLHS will instruct students to use their cell phones to communicate with their families that school has been cancelled. A parent who has driven their student to school that day will be asked to either pick-up his/her student, or make arrangements to have him/her picked-up.

The aforementioned communication procedures will occur each time / day that inclement weather affects northern Nevada. Families are asked to please make sure that SLHS has the latest contact information to ensure that All-Call messages can be received.