EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

In emergencies, the superintendent may alter district and transportation schedules. Such alterations may include closure of all schools, closure of a selected school(s) or grade levels, delayed openings, and early dismissal of students (District Policy EBCD).

Changes in school or bus schedules will be announced on FlashAlert (*see below for details), and over the public radio and television stations listed below. In the event of school being dismissed early, attempts will be made to contact parents by telephone.

KPNW 1120	AM	KPIC TV	http://flashnews.net/
OLDIES 99.1	FM	KVAL TV	
KRNR 1490	AM	KEZI TV	

*Instructions for FlashAlert - The Elkton Charter School now uses an Internet-based system for delivering changes in schedule, such as snow closures, to the news media. The message delivery is being extended directly to the public through a system called FlashAlert. Through the FlashNews.net website, Valley Information Network, (serving Lane, Linn, Benton, Douglas & Coos Counties) collects emergency information, news releases and high school and college sports scores from dozens of schools and provides it to the news media via a continuously updated website and e-mails. It also automatically places this information into the websites of participating stations and newspapers.

You are able to self-register and manage up to four home or office email and/or cell phone text message addresses and receive emergency information just minutes after we post it, at no cost to you.

To register, go to FlashAlert.net and click on "Eugene" on the map. On the next two screens click on "Douglas County Schools" and "Elkton". To subscribe to receive messages for Elkton fill in your email address and click "subscribe". Follow the directions to re-enter your email address and password.

On the following screen you can enter up to three more email/text message addresses. When you are done, click "Update".

Please be aware that with the proliferation of spam and the resulting spam filters, it is impossible to completely guarantee message delivery, since different filters block different messages. After adding or changing email addresses, have test messages sent to verify they will pass through your mail server's filters.

All addresses registered on FlashAlert will remain confidential and shall not be released to any person or organization. Once a year, you will receive an email at your primary address asking if you wish to continue your subscription.

If you have any questions or need help signing up for this service, contact Patty Gray at Elkton High School at 541-584-2228 ext #1.

Because many of our students come from homes where there is a single parent or where both parents work, we are well aware of the potential problems caused by unexpected changes in school or bus schedules. Once at school, students will usually be kept there rather than being sent home without first contacting a parent or parent identified responsible person. There are times when it is judged best to send the student home, and of course, parents may come to school and check out a student if they feel they should.

Sometimes, depending on where a student lives, the decision to hold or not to hold school may seem contrary to students and parents opinion. The decision is made on the basis of our concern for the safety of children and while conditions may look good in one location, they may be treacherous in other areas of our district.

Under certain circumstances it may be necessary to dismiss school early and send children home before the regular time. This would happen only in serious emergencies or if the threat of adverse conditions made it expedient. Should it become necessary to send children home early we will make every effort to contact parents. It is important we have telephone numbers of those who should be contacted if the parents cannot be reached. No student will be released to another party without written permission or designated on emergency card. Please remember to update this information if the situation changes.