



BURGETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2023-2024 Bus Cancellation Guidance

This alert provides information on what a student should do in the event that their bus run is canceled for the day. We know this will be an inconvenience for many families, and we truly apologize. Students whose bus has been canceled will have two options:

- **OPTION ONE: Parents/Guardians of students who ride these buses may transport their children to and from school.**
 - In an effort to ease any inconvenience, we will be lenient on tardy students. For example, if you are the parent of an elementary and MS/HS student and you want to bring them both to school at the same time, it is perfectly acceptable to bring them both in time for elementary drop off. Your MS/HS student will be excused for his/her tardy. We simply ask that you write your child a note. If your child is tardy, he/she will not be penalized. In the same way as if you need to bring your children to the BMHS and BAEC at the same time, if you need to pick up your child at BAEC early because you will also be picking up your BMHS student, simply call the elementary center and they will inform you on what you will need to do. Note: If you do choose to bring your children to school, afternoon bus transportation will not be provided. Parents must arrange to pick up their children after school. Bus cancellations give us no way to transport students home from school that day.
 - Students in the M/HS who do not have a parking pass but need to drive to school on a day bus transportation is canceled must notify Mrs. John upon arrival.
 - Students are permitted to arrive at the M/HS starting at 7:15 am.
 - Students may arrive at BAEC for early morning supervision starting at 7:30 am and will not be charged the fee for this one hour service **if it is related to a bus cancellation**. Otherwise, BAEC doors open for school at 8:30 am and students may be dropped off then. If you are picking up your child, dismissal is at 3:30 pm and you can wait in the vehicle parent pick-up line at the M/HS. Please write a note to the child's teacher so that we can prepare the student for the parent pick-up line at dismissal.

- Student-Athletes who are tardy will have their mandatory report time excused and may still participate in their athletic practices and/or games in the evening.
- **OPTION TWO: Students who ride these buses may choose to stay home when their bus is canceled and their absence will be excused.**
 - Students who are unable to find a way to school will be excused for the day. This day will not count in any counts such as perfect attendance or even in the case of excessive absences.
 - BMHS families can report their child's absence via the Absentee Form located on the MHS homepage.
 - Student-Athletes who cannot find a way to school may still participate in their athletic practices and/or games in the evening.

We want you to know that we will not penalize your child if they are tardy or absent from school because of the cancellation of their bus run. If your child experiences any difficulties upon their return, please reach out to the building principal.

The Burgettstown Area School District is not alone in temporarily canceling bus runs. Our goal has, and will continue to be to have the least amount of disruption to transportation as possible, and to keep our students in school whenever possible. We have taken several steps to hire more drivers, and will continue to do so.

We thank you for your support and cooperation.

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Superintendent

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