



# BURGETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **TRANSPORTATION ALERT**

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

- **OPTION ONE: Parents/Guardians of students who ride these busses 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. There are other situations that may cause your child to be tardy on Friday morning due to transportation arrangements. 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.
  - Students in the M/HS who do not have a parking pass but will need to drive should see Mrs. Shaffer or Mr. Fadden.
  - Students are permitted to arrive at the M/HS starting at 7:15.
  - 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. 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 busses may choose to stay home when their bus is cancelled 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.
  - Students who are unable to find a way to school may access their assignments in Google Classroom. While there will likely not be live streaming of the classes like we have on a remote day, students will be able to access assignments, etc. Because the absence will be the result of our transportation shortage, students will have one day after their absence to submit assignments.
  - 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 cancelling bus runs. Some of our neighboring school districts have done so many times already this year. While this does not help you or your child, we feel it is important to provide the context that we are not alone. Our goal has, and will continue to be to have 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. In fact, we recently hired two bus drivers, but are definitely in need of substitute drivers. We are hopeful that those efforts will pay off in the near future, but until that time, we will need your understanding and assistance from time to time.

We thank you for your support and cooperation.

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