

Frequently Asked Questions for the EAS Snow Sports Program

How popular is the program?	The students love it. They are away from parents, with their friends, having fun skiing and snowboarding. The chaperones are available to help, but mostly invisible to them. Please note that they are primarily monitored on the bus.
Is there Independent Study or Academic Credit impact?	The ski program starts during the Wednesday Electives studies period. The student is considered out of school and NOT in any independent study. However, due to the way the school curriculum is calculated during these time periods, this particular "out of school" period should not affect student attendance, standing or accumulation of credits.
What is the deadline to register for the Snow Sports program?	The deadline is December 15th, however, please note the following: entry into the program is on <u>first come basis</u> . Deadline for the discounted season pass is also December 15th. You will not receive the discounted seasons pass form until your registration form and payment is received.
Do we have to sign up for lessons to ride the bus or get a discounted season pass?	Lessons are required for beginners and are strongly recommended to those that have not had at least 2 years of instruction. Alpine West considers all participants part of the program whether they sign up for lessons or not.
Should we buy a discounted season pass or daily lift tickets?	Definitely buy the Discounted Season Pass. The L-T-D season pass is good all week/weekends at West, Central, East and weekdays at Alpental. It is not good at Alpental on weekends but does get a \$10 discount on weekends. Daily Lift ticket purchase is discouraged because of the extra time involved and money that students have to keep track of.
How do I get the discounted season pass?	When you sign up and pay for the program, the Discounted Season Pass Form will be provided to you. Please remember that the Discounted Season Pass is not handled by EAS or Alpine West. You must process it through <u>The Snoqualmie Summit</u> and contact them regarding status (Refer to Alpine West log in when asking for status). When you receive it, please use a lanyard to prevent loss. (One can be obtained at Guest Services.)
What does my child need to bring?	Bring a separate bag for snow ski/board stuff. Do not combine ski items with school bag. School materials will get wet if mixed with gear! Sack Lunch – food on the slope can be pricey. Bring water bottles. See Behavior Policies & Equipment Checklist.
Should my student take lessons?	If your child is a beginner, it is essential they take lessons to be safe on the slope. If your child has only had two years of lessons, we strongly recommend lessons. It takes a good three or more years of lessons to be comfortably proficient. The cost of the Alpine West lessons is well worth it and even the most proficient skier will hone their skills for those double blacks.
My child is a beginner, would snowboarding be OK?	Yes. ALL beginner snowboarders and skiers are required to enroll in lessons.
How long are the lessons?	Lessons are 1.5 hour. Lessons run from 1-2:30PM
Will I receive confirmation of my registration for lessons and/or ski bus?	Alpine West will send an email confirmation for students who have registered for lessons and/or ski bus.
Will the students be shown where to meet for their lesson?	Yes. All students who are taking lessons, will be shown where to meet for the lessons. The lessons meet near the Magic Carpet just beyond (east of) the fire pit and main lodge. Please arrive prior to 1PM ready to be on snow for 1.5 hours.
Where can I rent or purchase equipment?	Many local ski shops offer equipment to buy or rent. You must procure the equipment yourself ahead of time. Although there is opportunity to get rental equipment at Snoqualmie on the day of skiing, students and chaperones find this extremely inconvenient and it is highly discouraged.
Does the gear have to be at school by 8:10 am?	Yes. There will be a table for each clan in the commons. Student must place their gear on the appropriate table upon entering school. It is too disrupting to bring it later in the day. Parents are encouraged to car pool the equipment to school. Chaperones can bring their child's gear with them. Please see Mandatory Behavior Policies & Equipment Checklist.
Is there a bathroom on the bus?	Yes. The bus has a bathroom.
What if we lose or forget our season pass?	The student can go to guest services for a one day courtesy pass. After that, they will have to pay. A replacement may be possible at charge. Contact the ski resort.
What if the bus or lessons are cancelled?	1) If there is a Late School Start and the Ski Bus is still running - the Ski Bus will still plan to run from 10:30 - 7:20 as usual.

	<p>2) if there is a standard late school start (2 hour delay) and Ski Bus is NOT running - then ski bus students should NOT come to school (they would arrive at 10:10 only to have to be dismissed to go home at 10:30).</p> <p>3) If School is Closed, regrettably, we do not run the ski bus. Lessons would be rescheduled for the last week of the program.</p> <p>4) If School is a Normal start time but the Ski Bus says closed (this will happen only if the pass is closed or anticipated to be closed) - Ski Bus students must be picked up from school at 10:30 am.</p> <p>Check the LWSD website (www.lwsd.org), to get updates on school closures.</p> <p>Wednesday Ski/Snowboard Bus can be cancelled because of inclement weather even when EAS is not closed</p>
What is the process if my student is not able to participate any given Wednesday?	As soon as you know, please inform (1) the EAS Ski/Snowboard Bus Program Coordinator, Becky Hamilton at bhhamilton@gmail.com or 206.331.9920 and (2) the EAS school office. When informing the Program Coordinator, if it's the morning of, call or text (do not use email because it may not be read in time). If your child is going to school but cannot go up to The Summit, your child will need to be picked up from EAS by 10:30 unless you make other arrangements will the EAS school office.
What is the process for taking students home early from the ski slope?	As described in your Rules and Behavior Policies Agreement, we have very strict rules that must be followed to ensure the safety of the student and also prevent Ski Patrol hill search and extensive bus delay looking for missing student. A "taking home early note" must be given to chaperones BEFORE the student boards the bus to Snoqualmie at EAS in the morning. It MUST indicate who will be picking the student up from The Summit Lodge. The student must be signed out in the Main Lodge by the person authorized to take the student home before the student can be excused prior to 5:30pm. The student must be present.
What happens if the student suffers an injury?	Depending on the severity of the injury one of the following will happen: 1) student will be treated and released to ride the bus home. 2) If the injury warrants further medical attention the patrol will make the decision to send the injured party to Overlake Hospital in Issaquah. Student will be transported either by our emergency driver chaperones or by ambulance. Parents will be notified in the case of a severe injury (and will meet at the hospital or sooner).
Will the students be shown where to meet for the return bus ride?	Yes, the bus will be in the same vicinity as where they unload upon arrival at Snoqualmie. We post an EAS sign in the bus window. There normally is not a problem finding the bus. If your child is late getting back to the bus they may not be able to participate in the next week's ski program and may be subject to paying late return bus fee. Please be respectful of all the other kids and families waiting for your child to return.
Is there a meeting place at the Snoqualmie before loading the bus in the evening?	Chaperones acquire a table in the Main Lodge. We will show all students where the lodge is. At 6:00 pm, all students and adults can head to the bus in the parking lot where the students got off at noon. Boarding the bus for return will begin about 6:10; departure between 6:20 and 6:30PM. Students do not need to come back to the lodge table unless they have left items there (Do not leave valuables at the table). Chaperones are not responsible for bringing any students' "stuff" to the bus. Chaperones will take role call before departure to ensure all kids are on the bus. If your child is late getting back to the bus they may not be able to participate in the next week's ski bus and may be subject to paying late return bus fee. We have the bus driver for only so much time and have to pay extra if we exceed that time, not to mention all the other kids waiting for your child to return.
Where and when do I pick up my child at the end of the day?	Pick up is at 7:20 at EAS. We will remind students when we arrive at Issaquah to call parents if they wish. Pick up must be prompt. It is not acceptable to cause the Chaperones to wait beyond 7:35 or 15 minutes after bus return. Your child may not be able to participate in the next week's ski bus if they are not picked up on time.
What if the bus is late returning to town?	When we are late, we ask the students to inform their parents. Many have cell phones and can do this. Some may have to borrow a phone to call. We encourage parents to help get the word out and share the information when waiting at the pickup spot. We apologize for unforeseen transportation issues.
Can a friend or sibling sign up too?	No, this program is restricted to active EAS students.
Can adults sign up for the bus?	Only chaperones and EAS students are allowed to participate in the program and ride the bus.
Chaperone questions – Do we have to know how to ski or snowboard to be a chaperone?	No, you can still take a turn at supervising the lodge table and assisting with students at the table.

<p>What will the chaperones be doing?</p>	<p>Track student attendance and confirm all are accounted for. Ride the bus with students. Monitor bus behavior and rules. Provide emergency transportation/coverage (1 car/2 adults). Supervise table in lodge assisting students as needed. Chaperones will wear bright vests and be visible to EAS students. If skiing/boarding be aware of students on the slopes and assist as needed. If bus is canceled chaperones may assist with a "class" at school.</p>
<p>Can chaperones also be a ski instructor or assistant during the Wednesday ski program?</p>	<p>Chaperones are expected to be dedicated to the ski program on the day they chaperone, so being a ski instructor or assistant on that day would not be acceptable</p>
<p>Do Chaperones get volunteer hours?</p>	<p>Because this program is not affiliated with EAS, Chaperones will not get volunteer hours for the on-mountain portion of the program. However, Chaperones will get volunteer hours for the drive time to and from the mountain (which is three hours per week). In addition, you get a free day of skiing with free transportation and great company!</p>