

Berkshire Local School District Snow Removal Specifications for 2025-26 SY

The base price for services should include snow removal and salting for all parking, playground, walking paths, driveway areas, and sidewalks (School staff will have other duties, so sidewalks shall be included). Locations and dates of services required are:

First Snow 2025 - Last Snowfall 2026	First Snow 2025 - Last Snowfall 2026	
Berkshire K – 12 14155 Claridon Troy Burton, Ohio 44021	Kent State Geauga 14111 Claridon Troy Burton, Ohio 44021	

Services should be based upon the following:

- 1) All designated areas will be plowed when the snow reaches an accumulated depth of 2 inches. For snow accumulated during the night hours, initial cleaning of the driveways and parking areas will be completed by the following times, seven days a week, for the dates of services noted above:
 - a. Bus storage lot across from 14259 Claridon Troy Road by 6:00 am, front ½ to be plowed
 - b. Berkshire K – 12 driveway and parking lots by 6:00am. All sidewalks including parking area & walkways by 6:00am
 - School van parking area in South lot to be completed first.
 - c. Kent State Geauga, rear parking area by the maintenance building by 6:00am
 - This is pickup area for district school buses and vans
 - d. Kent State Geauga Campus, parking lot and sidewalks by 6:00 AM
 - e. North walkway between the KSU campus and the Berkshire K-12 by 7:00am
 - f. Playground blacktop area East of the building by 6:30am.
 - g. Walkway from the parking area to the BECC front and rear steps by 6:00am
 - h. No plowing is required inside the Berkshire Stadium or inside the playground fence.
- 2) The North student parking area is now paved. There is approx. 10’ of available space North of the pavement to push snow
- 3) The playground driveway (behind the East gates) will used as an entrance for student and van drivers for arrival. (see note f:)
- 4) The BECC building will have an early childcare program with parent drop off starting at 6:30am. We request the use of magnesium chloride as a deicing agent on the steps and ramps. (See note g:)
- 5) Four entrance sidewalks at the Berkshire K-12 building have underground heat as shown on the attached drawings and will need maintained as needed. No vehicles are permitted on these walkways. These 4 walkways will need maintained on the edge of the heated areas
- 6) The frequency of snow removal shall not be limited by the 2-inch factor when the safety of the students, employees, or visitors is concerned, such as drifting, freezing rain, thawing and freezing. Extra salting may be necessary for safety, this should be included in the base price.
- 7) Application of de-icing agents shall be done as weather conditions dictate and may need to be applied several times during the day. The fee for de-icing is to be included in the base price. The schools will not be supplying salt for de-icing.
- 8) High volumes of snow accumulation in the form of snow piles that pose a safety or visibility hazard must be removed via large equipment and should be included in the base price.

- 9) Any damage done to parking lots & grass areas shall be repaired at the end of the season or by May 1st unless safety is an issue, then immediately.
- 10) Driveway and sidewalks can be marked with stakes at your expense to do plowing effectively without causing damage. More stakes can be added as needed.
- 11) Use composite blades on snow removal equipment for concrete sidewalks to avoid the transfer of steel particles that stain concrete surfaces.
- 12) Installation of snow fencing for identified problem areas is permitted with Berkshire/KSU approval.
- 13) Placement of salt containers is permitted around the campus and at walkways as needed
- 14) The school year for snow removal is defined as first snowfall through last snowfall.

Each candidate should present a Workers' Compensation insurance policy and a property and public liability insurance certificate. In lieu of a performance bond, the Board reserves the right to cancel this contract at any time.

Payments will be made in 6 equal installments beginning November 1 and by the tenth of each month thereafter.

Bids should be submitted electronically to Beth McCaffrey, beth.mccaffrey@berkshireschools.org, by 10:00 AM on October 6th, 2025.

Any questions regarding the specifications, locations of buildings, or a tour of building locations, should be directed to Mr. Al Vontorcik, Facilities and Technology Director, at (440) 834-3380 ext. 3324.

Copies of specifications can be picked up at the Board of Education Office or by contacting Mr. Al Vontorcik.