

## **School Transportation in Inclement Weather**

Transportation vehicles owned and operated by the school district will not operate when weather conditions due to fog, rain, snow, ice or other natural elements make operation unsafe. Because weather conditions may vary around the school district and may change quickly, the best judgment possible will be used with the information available.

The final judgment as to when conditions are unsafe to operate will be made by the superintendent or designee. The superintendent or designee will be assisted by the actual “on location” condition and reports from the transportation coordinator and the bus drivers.

When, in the judgment of the bus driver, weather conditions are so poor as to present a hazard when loading or unloading students, the driver will radio the superintendent or designee for instructions. If radio contact is not possible, the driver will proceed to the next stop which does not present a hazard and make telephone contact personally, with the assistance of a student rider, monitor, or other person.

Employees, students and parents will be notified on the district website, e-mail, and by commercial radio and television when school is cancelled or temporarily delayed because of weather.

When weather conditions deteriorate during the day after school has begun, cancellation notices will be announced on the district website, e-mail, and by commercial radio and television. Students will be returned to their regular drop-off sites unless weather conditions prevent it. In that case, students will be kept at or returned to school until they are picked up by parents.

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