



TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

The Importance of Staying Seated on the School Bus

School bus seats are built to protect passengers through a design called "compartmentalization". Some of the standards that are applied to this design are:

- High seat backs
- Fill seats with energy absorbing material
- Seat placement to form "compartments"
- Seats anchored securely

When students are sitting square on the seat, facing forward, these safety features work together to help keep our students safe. Reminding your students to sit properly on the school bus seat is very important and can help protect them in the event of an incident.



Please see the links for additional information from the Canada Safety Council and Transport Canada.

Canada Safety Council: <https://canadasafetycouncil.org/is-there-a-need-for-seat-belts-on-school-buses/>

Transport Canada: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/road-transportation/school-bus-safety/safety-standards-school-buses>

Inclement Weather

With the door opening/closing regularly, and multiple windows on the bus, the temperature inside the school bus can fluctuate. Always ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for cold temperatures.

Cold weather tips:

- Dress your child in warm, insulating layers close to their body, with wind and waterproof layers on the outside. Keep their head covered.
- Cover exposed areas such as fingers, cheeks, ears, and nose. Consider sending your child with spare gloves and a hat just in case!

School Closures

Rocky View Schools:

- December 23rd - January 6th: Winter Vacation

CSSD Schools:

- December 22nd: Professional Growth Day
- December 23rd - January 6th: Christmas Break

Happy Holidays from the transportation team!

The Education Centre and Transportation Counter will be closed for the holidays from December 26th - January 2nd. We hope you enjoy a restful break, and we will see you in the new year!

**For more information
please visit our [website](#)**

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