



## Welcome Back Reminders

Welcome to the first edition of the monthly RVS Transportation Newsletter, we hope that you enjoyed a relaxing and re-invigorating summer break! Each month we will feature timely news and information relevant to RVS Transportation Users. Watch for the newsletter by the 15th of each month. Please also check out the Transportation page on the RVS website at [https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/schools/busing\\_transportation](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/schools/busing_transportation) for other useful information and links.

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### **Bus Passes**

Bus passes for students new to school bus service will arrive by mail in the coming weeks. If your student rode the bus last year, please remember to retain their bus pass as a new one will not be issued automatically. Replacements for lost passes can be purchased online through the School Engage portal or in person at the RVS Education Centre.

Bus pass pouches are too bulky to be sent in the general mail therefore, they will be delivered to your student(s) directly via their bus driver.

### **Bus Status App**

Our school bus operators are required to notify the schools and Transportation Services if the bus is running more than 10 minutes late. Buses can be delayed for many reasons including inclement weather, traffic, road closures, and vehicle breakdowns. Late buses will be updated on the Bus Status website. You can also download the Bus Status App to your smartphone to see when your bus is late.

Always have a back-up plan in case of bus delays. Links for the Bus Status App can be found on our [website](#).

## Things to Be Aware Of

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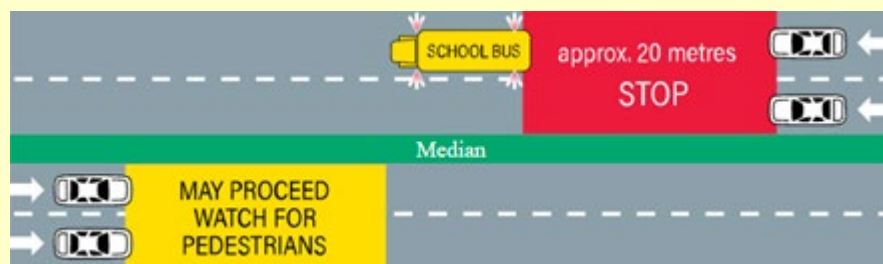
### **8-Way Light System**

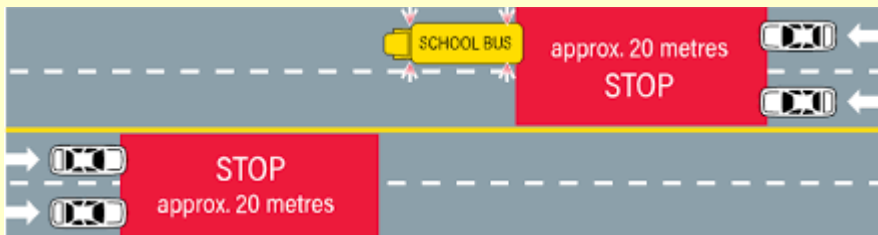
Did you know that outside of Calgary and Airdrie city limits the 8-way light system is utilized on school buses and regulated by law enforcement?

When approaching a school bus from either direction, and the alternating amber lights are flashing, you should prepare to stop. This is an indication that the bus is going to be stopping and students will be approaching or exiting the bus.

When the school bus comes to a complete stop, its alternating red lights will begin flashing and the stop arm will extend. This is an indication that the bus will begin loading or unloading students. Vehicles must come to a full stop ~20 meters away from the bus and are not permitted to pass. This goes for vehicles approaching the bus in either direction – unless the road is divided by a median – then traffic in the opposite lane(s) may proceed with caution.

Failure to stop for a school bus is a ticket-able violation that may cost offending drivers up to \$486 in fines and 6 demerit points.





Why are 8-way light systems used in some municipalities and not others? As per Alberta's Traffic Safety Act a municipality may pass a bylaw to govern times and locations at which these lights may not be used. The majority of the communities that are home to our schools utilize and enforce this light system at all times and in every location in an effort to keep our students safe.

For more information, please visit the Alberta [website](#).

### **Cochrane Construction Delays**

Increased traffic and construction within the Town of Cochrane are causing some delays. Please ensure to check the Bus Status app, as it will be updated if buses are running over 10 minutes late.

Our top priority is to get students to and from school safely. We thank you for your patience.

### **Upcoming Closures**

#### Rocky View Schools:

September 30<sup>th</sup> – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October 7<sup>th</sup> – Professional Learning Day

October 10<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day

#### CSSD Schools:

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