



TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

Inclement Weather

School buses do not typically run in the mornings when the temperature is at or lower than -40 degrees Celsius without wind chill. When the weather is severe, or road conditions are hazardous, certain bus routes may be cancelled. However, this does not necessarily mean schools are closed. Once student transportation has begun, a school will not close until regular dismissal time.

In the event that morning transportation needs to be cancelled due to weather conditions, announcements will be made through the local radio stations, updated on the Bus Status App, and communicated to RVS families through the SMS service if you have opted in (this service is currently not available for CSSD families). Afternoon service cancellations will be re-evaluated throughout the morning and then updated on the Bus Status App by noon, should route be cancelled.

Bus contractors update delays over 10 minutes on the Bus Status App.

More information is available on our [Inclement Weather](#) page.

It is important NOT to leave your child at the bus stop in severe weather for any period of time.

Cold Weather Tips:

- Stay with your child at the bus stop until they have been picked up or have a back-up plan in place.

- 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!

Information on Our Bus Expectations

School buses are an extension of the school and classroom. RVS' School Bus Expectations create a positive experience for all riders by establishing clear expectations and providing positive reinforcement. This fosters a respectful, safe and responsible environment. These expectations are consistent, align with expectations in all RVS schools and support our [Student Code of Conduct](#). Please click on the link below for a video on our Bus Expectations.

<https://youtu.be/UMGPOUxqTs4>

Ongoing Driver Shortage

School bus contractors in Rocky View School Division, and across the province, are currently experiencing driver shortages and a high rate of driver absenteeism due to circumstances beyond their control, which affects reliable bus service. This situation fluctuates daily, so please be sure to monitor the Bus Status App which will provide information regarding late bus routes.

Contractors are working hard to keep all bus routes running while managing the changing scenarios. We are aware that route delays and inconsistent schedules are frustrating for parents and students alike. Several bus drivers are having to run second routes with significant delays just to ensure that students get to school at all. Our goal is to ensure the late bus information is accurate and posted with as much advance notice for parents as possible.

We cannot foresee what the next days and weeks will look like, but you can be assured that everyone is doing the best they can.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate these driver shortages.

Second/Final Payment Due

A reminder to parents who have chosen the 50/50 payment option for December 1st, this will automatically be processed on the card you provided for the first payment.

Ride-Alongs

Rocky View Transportation does not authorize ride-alongs. Students must ride their assigned route(s) and are not permitted to board buses that they are not registered to. This is due to bus capacity, monitoring ridership, and student safety.

To add a secondary stop to your bus service, please complete the 'Secondary Stop Request Form' in your SchoolEngage account. This form can be requested by submitting a ticket ([Transportation Ticketing System](#))

Upcoming School Closures

Rocky View Schools:

December 2nd - Professional Learning Day (No Classes)

Catholic Schools:

November 29th - Parent Teacher Conferences K-12 (No Classes)

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