

OPERATIONS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

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At any time, regularly scheduled bus routes and special trips may be cancelled or modified because of adverse or unsafe driving conditions. The decision to operate must be based upon all safety factors and the welfare of the students. If an unsafe condition exists, the bus driver and others knowledgeable of the situation must notify the Dispatcher.

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If morning transportation is interrupted, school representatives will be consulted regarding the possibility of postponing school from one to two hours in order to transport students at a later time of day.

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If it is advisable to leave school early during the day because of weather conditions, the Dispatcher will make arrangements with on-site school administrators for transportation requirements.

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Other modifications to home-to-school and special trip transportation may be required because of inclement weather in an operation area. The decision and communications required will be based upon the intent of the guidelines specified herein.

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When atmospheric conditions reduce visibility to 200 feet or less, or conditions are considered unsafe due to visibility at the point of departure for parkouts, the bus driver will use their discretion whether to start the route or wait out the condition. If departure point is at the Agency terminal, supervisor on duty will make the decision after coordinating with the Director and spotters throughout the community. Once the bus leaves the point of departure, the driver will make the decision to discontinue enroute. Driver will notify dispatch of the condition and their decision. If dispatch is off duty, someone from the Emergency Call List shall be notified. All efforts will be made to discontinue a route or trip at a place where students have access to phones and restrooms.