

POLICY: 711.11

Transportation in Inclement Weather

School district buses will not operate when weather conditions due to fog, rain, snow or other natural elements make it unsafe to do so. 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. The superintendent will be assisted by the actual "on location" reports by the Director of Transportation or designee.

Several drivers each year will be specifically designated to report weather and road conditions by bus radio when requested to do so. Other employees and students will be notified by commercial radio when school is cancelled or temporarily delayed. When school is cancelled because of weather anywhere in the school district, all schools will be closed.

When weather conditions deteriorate during the day after school has begun, cancellation notices will be announced by commercial radio. 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 their parents.

In case of adverse weather conditions, activity/athletic bus drivers and coaches/sponsors, use sound and prudent judgment regarding the advisability of returning home. Check weather and road conditions with the proper authorities, radio stations, highway patrol, etc. Notify Activities Director or designee of conditions and follow his direction/decision regarding safe travel.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Iowa Code §§ 279.8 (2007).

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