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Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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RADIO STATIONS BROADCASTING CANCELLATIONS

660 CFR AM News

Big 105 FM - Red Deer

CKFM 96.5 - Olds & area

CKGY Country 95.5 FM

Q91 AM Country

QR77 AM 770

Sunny 94 - Lacombe

100.7 The River - Red Deer

Zed 99 98.9 FM - Red Deer

CBC 1010 - Calgary

Country 105 FM - Calgary



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INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



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Can I keep my children home if weather or road conditions seem severe?

Parents are not required to send their children to school if, in their judgment, weather conditions are detrimental to the safety or well-being of their children.

When is the decision made to cancel bus transportation?

Most times the decision to cancel bus transportation services will be made by 6:30 AM. When warranted, bus service may be cancelled the night before. Once the decision is made to cancel bus routes, the Director will do the following:

- Contact the coordinators
- Contact parents via PowerAnnounce (automated messaging system using phone, text and email)
- Update the website after 7:00 AM
- **NOTE: RADIO STATIONS WILL ONLY BE CONTACTED IF ALL BUS ROUTES IN CHINOOK'S EDGE ARE CANCELLED, OR IN THE CASE OF LOCALIZED INCLEMENT WEATHER, CERTAIN "AREAS" ARE CANCELLED (EG. ALL OF SUNDRE)**

What indicators are used when considering cancelling bus service?

Any of the following factors, or combination of factors, shall serve as guidelines for considering cancelling buses. Note: if a bus route is cancelled in the morning due to weather it is also cancelled in the afternoon with the exception of early morning fog conditions.

- Temperature of -35 degrees Celsius or a wind chill factor of -40 degrees Celsius reported by the weather office for the area in question:
- Fog Conditions (**CANCELLED A.M. ONLY**)
- Road closures by the RCMP municipal or other local road officials

- Chinook's Edge School Division covers a large part of Central Alberta. Often temperatures and weather conditions vary significantly across the school division. Therefore, it may be necessary to cancel bus service only in the area affected by inclement weather conditions.

How will I know when buses are cancelled?

Parents/Guardian will be contacted by the automated PowerAnnounce system. It is important that **both the driver and your child's school have a current phone number.** Cancellation information will be posted on the Transportation website, and, in the event of all buses being cancelled, announced on local radio stations. Please do not call the Transportation office for this information as during inclement weather days, the office is busy assisting drivers.

Will my child's school be closed?

Schools may be closed due to inclement weather or extremely poor road conditions. If this were to happen, a PowerAnnounce will be sent out to parents/guardians and radio stations will be notified. **Please ensure your child's school has current contact information.**

Can individual bus drivers decide not to operate all or part of their route?

A bus driver may make the decision not to transport students during inclement weather for reasons of safety. In the event of a route cancellation, the PowerAnnounce system will be used to contact the parents of students transported on that route.



What happens if the bus has mechanical problems?

If this occurs in the morning prior to the start of the route, the PowerAnnounce system will contact parents / guardians to advise that the bus is not operating.

If the breakdown occurs on route at the end of the school day, parents will be contacted and another bus will be put into service.

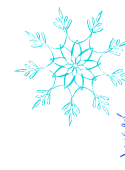
Why should my child be dressed appropriately for the weather?

In the event a bus breaks down or gets stuck, it is important that students are dressed for the weather conditions. If a bus breakdown occurs it may be some time before another bus arrives or alternate arrangements can be made to transport students.

What should students do if the bus does not pick them up?

Parents should ensure that their children have a plan in the event that the bus does not arrive to pick them up. Children must be aware of how long to wait at their stop before returning home or going to their alternate location.

Having a plan in place is very important for safety when parents have to leave for work prior to the arrival of the school bus.



Expect buses to be running late on inclement weather days and make appropriate allowances for it.