

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 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 a route be cancelled.

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

More information is available on our <u>Inclement Weather</u> 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!

Cancellation Deadline for Partial Fee Refunds

Partial fee refunds are available if you cancel bus service by completing the 'Cancellation Form' prior to January 31st.

To complete the Cancellation Form, access your SchoolEngage account, click on the 'Students' tab in the left-hand menu, and select your child's name. The 'Cancellation Form' will populate in the list of forms.

A separate 'Cancelation Form' must be completed for each student.

Upcoming School Closures

Rocky View Schools:

Professional Learning Day (No Classes): February 16th

Catholic Schools:

Parent/ Teacher Conferences K-9 (No Classes): January 26th

Teacher's Convention (No Classes): February 15 & 16

For more information please visit our <u>website</u>

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