



TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

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 emailing transportation@rockyview.ab.ca.

Bus Passes

Due to our safety protocols, it is important that we are aware of all students accessing service. Bus passes help us manage ridership, numbers on the bus, and can assist in finding missing students. Therefore, it is imperative that the electronic bus pass be scanned by the card reader 4 times a day. Each student must

scan the bus pass both on and off the bus for the morning and afternoon ride. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they always carry their bus pass.

If your student's bus pass has been lost or damaged, replacement bus passes can be obtained in person at the [RVS Education Centre](#) or online through your [SchoolEngage account](#). There is a \$15 fee for replacement. Protective pouches may be purchased for additional \$5.00.

A reminder, if your child has multiple bus passes only one bus pass can be activated at a time. Please hand bus passes that are no longer working to the driver or the school.

Visibility and Pedestrian Safety

When crossing the road, it is very important that you are aware of your surroundings and only proceed when it is safe.

You can use Point, Pause, Proceed as a rule of thumb:

1. Hold out your arm and point across the street where you intend to cross
2. Pause and look both ways to make sure it's safe.
3. Once safe, proceed to cross.

When you are walking or running outdoors at any time of day, you are smaller and harder to see than the vehicles around you. To make yourself more visible:

1. **Signal your intent** - Use hand signals before crossing the road to let drivers know what you plan on doing. Fully extend your right or left arm and point in the direction you're going in before crossing.
2. **Watch the weather** - When it is raining, snowing, or there is a heavy fog, you can be even harder to see outside. Wearing bright colored clothing and using hand signals can make you more visible in poor weather.
3. **Wear light colored clothing** - Brightly colored clothing can improve your visibility to drivers and help make sure that you're seen while crossing the road or walking against traffic.

Upcoming School Closures

Rocky View Schools:

Last Day of Classes Before Spring Vacation: March 28

Good Friday (No Classes): March 29

Classes Resume: April 8

Catholic Schools:

Parent/Teacher Conferences K-12 (No Classes): March 22

Last Day of Classes Before Easter Break: March 28

Good Friday (No Classes): March 29

School Re-opens: April 8

**For more information
please visit our [website](#)**

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