



TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

May 6th is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day! Thank You to all of our bus drivers for your dedication to student safety.



2024-2025 Transportation Re-Enrolment Forms

Re-enrolment forms for next year will be automatically assigned to families that are currently assigned to service. If you have a child that did not access service this school year, you will be required to complete a new registration form.

Re-enrolment forms for the 2024-2025 school year will be available sometime in May. Emails will go out to all busing families when the forms become available in your SchoolEngage portal. New registration forms will be available once all of the re-enrolment forms are assigned.

Please visit our [website](#) for instructions on how to complete the re-enrolment and registration forms.

Clarification on Prohibited Items on the School Bus

School bus contractors will try to accommodate students with the transportation of articles and equipment for extra-curricular activities. However, some items cannot be transported due to safety and/or available space. All permissible items must be tightly secured and/or safely contained within the bus seat. Additionally, they must not impede the aisle, emergency exits or the driver's line of sight (i.e., block the window). The bus driver reserves the right to refuse any item they may deem unsafe to transport.

Scooters and skateboards are only permitted if they are properly secured or enclosed in a canvas bag or in/ on a backpack. Some backpacks are made to properly secure skateboards - RVS considers this to be a permissible item. These items must be safely stored underneath the seat or in the student's lap.

If you are unsure if an item will be permitted, please [email](#) Transportation for assistance.

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 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:

Professional Learning Day (No Classes): April 29

Professional Learning Day (No Classes): May 17

Catholic Schools:

School Based Faith Day (No Classes): April 26

Professional Growth Day K-12 (No Classes): May 17

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

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