

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS AND BUSINESS SERVICES

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Policy Title Transportation in Inclement Weather

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School district buses will not operate when weather conditions due to fog, rain, snow or other natural elements make it unsafe to do so. The final judgement as to when conditions are unsafe to operate buses will be made by the superintendent of schools or designee. The superintendent, or designee will be assisted by the bus supervisor in making the final determination. However, no driver will be required to operate a bus when in the driver's opinion it is unsafe to do so. Because weather conditions may vary considerably throughout the district and may change quickly, the best possible information available will be utilized in the decision-making process.

ON PICKUP ROUTES:

Weather conditions may deteriorate after drivers have started their routes. If visibility is severely limited and the driver does not consider it safe to stop the bus on the highway, said driver will continue on the route stopping only where visibility is adequate. The driver will, as soon as possible, notify the superintendent's office of students not picked up. Office personnel will then call the parents.

ON RETURN ROUTES:

Weather conditions may deteriorate after drivers have started their routes. If visibility is severely limited, and the driver does not consider it safe to stop the bus on the highway, said driver shall continue on the route to the next scheduled stop where visibility is considered adequate. At this stop, all students whose homes were previously passed will be let off the bus. Students should, as soon as possible, notify their parents. The driver will notify the superintendent's office of any students who were let off the bus at a location other than their homes. Office personnel will then call the parents.

ON ACTIVITY TRIPS:

If weather conditions deteriorate while an activity trip is in progress, the driver and sponsor of the activity should carefully evaluate the situation. If, in their opinion, it is unsafe to travel on the highway, they should contact a George-Little Rock school administrator. The administrator will then inform the public of the current state of the bus and its passengers.

Legal Reference:

Iowa Code § 279.8 (2011).

Cross Reference:

601.02 School Day

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Related Administrative Rules and Regulations: _____