

POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

SUBJECT	N.E.P.N. CODE
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION: WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL BUSES	EEAEEA

I. POLICY

The Louis Riel School Division believes that the safety of students must be paramount when weather conditions compel consideration of cancelling bus transportation. Accordingly, decisions to cancel school bus service must consider the ability to ensure that buses will operate safely and consistently.

II. GUIDELINES

- A. Cancellation of school bus service will occur when the ambient temperature is equal to or colder than -35°C or the windchill is equal to or colder than -45 as measured by Environment and Climate Change Canada at Winnipeg – The Forks at 6:00 am.
- B. The Superintendent of Schools (or designate) has the definitive authority to cancel or recall school buses based on the windchill guideline or if other weather conditions — such as, fog, flooding, falling/blowing/drifting snow, reduced visibility and/or freezing rain — affect safe and consistent school bus service.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. The Superintendent of Schools (or designate) shall determine if buses are to be cancelled, or recalled, due to conditions outlined in the **GUIDELINES**. Prior to arriving at a decision, the Superintendent of Schools (or designate) shall confer with Superintendents of other Metro School Divisions and, where feasible, arrive at a common decision in the interest of reducing confusion among parents/guardians and other members of the public.
- B. If cancellation occurs prior to the regular start time(s) of school bus transportation, parents/guardians and schools will be notified by the means used for notification of school closures due to inclement weather (see [Policy EBCE – Emergency School Closing](#)).
- C. If cancellation occurs after the school day has commenced, the Superintendent of Schools (or designate) shall notify all divisional schools, who will convey the information to parents/guardians of students affected by the cancellation.

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