

**INCLEMENT WEATHER – SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS AND  
HOLDING STUDENTS IN SCHOOL**

Coon Rapids-Bayard buses will not operate when weather conditions due to fog, rain, snow or other natural elements make it unsafe to do so. Because weather conditions may vary around the district and may change quickly, the best judgment will be used that is possible with the information available.

The superintendent or designee will make the final judgment as to when conditions are unsafe to operate. The superintendent will be assisted by the director of transportation and the actual “on location” decisions and reports of the drivers. No driver will be required to operate a bus when in the driver’s opinion it is unsafe to do so.

Drivers and students will be notified by commercial radio when school is cancelled or temporarily delayed. When school is cancelled because of weather anywhere in the district, all schools will be closed.

When weather conditions deteriorate during the day after school has begun, students will be returned home as soon as transportation can be arranged. The public will be notified by commercial radio when school is to be dismissed early. In the event that busses cannot be operated after the school day has begun to return students home, students will be retained in the buildings until the busses can be operated safely. If classes are dismissed early due to inclement weather and busses cannot operate, parents or guardians may pick up the students from the school. Students will not be allowed to ride home with others except parents, unless the parent or guardian provides permission directly to the school official in charge of the building at the time. Said direct permission must be in the form of a telephone call or a written note. Students who are on a scheduled bus route and rode to school with a non-family member on that day, will be expected to remain in school until bus service can be provided, unless direct parental permission is provided for riding with someone else.

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