



St. Paul Education

Extreme Cold Weather and Busing in the Afternoon

In an effort to support student learning and better accommodate families, St. Paul Education will now be running afternoon buses during extreme cold weather *under certain conditions*.

Current Practice

Busing is cancelled for the entire day if the temperature and/or wind chill in the morning is -40°C or colder.

New Practice (to begin January 27, 2020)

Busing is still cancelled if the temperature and/or wind chill in the morning is -40°C or colder.

If morning buses are cancelled, afternoon buses will now run when the www.weathernetwork.com/ca forecast predicts warming to a minimum temperature and/or wind chill of -35°C .

Communication

When families are told about the morning busing, they will also be told about the decision for afternoon busing. These decisions are usually made in the morning, but during stretches of extreme cold weather, decisions regarding busing may be made the evening before.

For example:

- 1) 6 AM morning forecast temperature and/or wind chill is -45°C and afternoon forecast temperature and/or wind chill is -40°C . Parents will be informed at that time that buses will not be running all day.
- 2) 6 AM morning forecast temperature and/or wind chill is -42°C and afternoon forecast temperature and/or wind chill is -35°C . Parents will be informed at that time that buses will not run in the morning but WILL run in the afternoon.
- 3) 7 PM the evening before, the morning forecast temperature and/or wind chill is -44°C and the afternoon forecast temperature and/or wind chill is -40°C . Parents will be informed at that time that buses will not be running all day the next school day.

Please Note:

- If afternoon buses are running and your child is at school, your child will go home on the bus as usual unless the school is notified of other arrangements.
- As the safety of our children is always a top priority, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether or not to send their child to school.
- Conditions such as fog, freezing rain, and snowstorms are unpredictable and may occur in only isolated regions of the division. This change in practice only applies to extreme cold weather. In these situations (ie: fog, freezing rain, and snowstorms) decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- Decisions will be based on information gathered from www.weathernetwork.com/ca in each school attendance area. This means that afternoon busing may occur in one area and not another.
- Decisions about curricular and extracurricular activities will be made on a case by case basis.

*This applies only to the Town of St. Paul and rural buses operated by or contracted to St. Paul Education.