



POLICY

The Hanover School Division Board of Trustees believes that in the event of hazardous weather and/or road conditions that present a threat to the safety of students traveling to and from school, the division will consider the suspension of school bus service.

GUIDELINES

1. The Division will automatically suspend bus service and close for cold weather reasons when the temperature and wind-chill in the division are minus 35 degrees Celsius or colder and minus 45 degrees Celsius or colder wind-chill. Consideration to cancel busses and close schools may also be given if either temperature or wind-chill significantly surpasses these levels, or there are other extenuating circumstances as determined by the Superintendent, Transportation Supervisor and Board Chair.
2. The temperature and wind-chill information is checked from a number of reliable weather information providers between 5:30 a.m. and 5:45 a.m. and is used to make the decision to suspend bus transportation.
 - 2.1. Reliable sources to be used: Steinbach Online, Environment Canada, Provincial Highways Department, and/or the RCMP.
3. A decision is made based on the weather office issuing a Weather Warning for the Red River Region and/or based on a directive to stay off the roads by the Highways Department and/or the RCMP.
4. A joint recommendation is made by the Superintendent, Director of Transportation and the Chair of the Board.
5. The decision to suspend bus service is then made and announced by 6:00 a.m. on local and provincial radio stations and posted on the divisional website.
6. If unsafe driving conditions necessitate cancelling bus service for the entire division for the home trip, students are to be held in school until other pick up arrangements can be made. Buses will not be sent out early. Once the decision to cancel buses for the home trip is made, school with early dismissal will be contacted by 2:30 pm and all remaining schools by 3:00 PM. Bus cancellation for the home trip also includes any extra-curricular field trips and/or sporting events.

Legal References:

Additional Information: Reference Procedure: T3 - Cancellation of School Buses

Appendixes: