

Transportation Safety Reminders

Sturgeon Public Schools is deeply committed to ensuring safe, reliable and efficient transportation for our students. The responsibility for the provision of secure student transportation service is shared by our staff, school bus contractors, school bus operators, parents/guardians and students.

Inclement Weather

School bus service will be suspended when the temperature is at or below -40C according to the Weather Network taken at Bon Accord, AB. Please see our [Inclement Weather Policy](#) for more information.

Appropriate Apparel

Please ensure all students wear cold weather attire during the winter months or have layers in their backpack to ensure comfort and safety. While buses have heating, they can still feel chilly, especially if the doors open frequently or during long rides. In case of an accident or emergency, being dressed appropriately allows students to move quickly without being hindered by the cold or at risk of frostbite.

Bus Status App

The Bus Status App allows you to keep track of any busing delays or cancellations, and receive push notifications for **just the bus routes that matter to you**. The app is available on the [App Store](#) for Apple devices and the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices.

Bus Rules & Regulations

It is imperative that bus operators focus their attention on the road and traffic, free from distractions behind them. We kindly request that you carefully review and discuss the [bus rules and regulations](#) with your child(ren).

Emergency Bus Protocols

While we are fully committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of every student, we recognize that, like any mode of transportation, unexpected emergencies or incidents can occur. In the case of an emergency it is important your child is aware of how to assess and react in the situation. We have provided some basic guidelines below, to help you discuss this with your child(ren) to ensure their safety:

1. Remain Calm
 - Take a deep breath
 - Remember that the bus operator has emergency protocols in place and will support all riders
 - If required, dress with additional apparel to ensure comfort and safety

2. Assess the Situation

- Listen carefully to the bus operator for instructions
- If the bus needs to be evacuated, proceed calmly
- Look for other passengers on the bus and support each other
- Look for adults nearby who can assist you
- Determine where you are (school, bus stop etc.)
- Call 911, if required

3. Check for the Driver

- If the driver is still on the bus, alert them immediately of the emergency.
- If the driver is unresponsive or not there for any reason, signal for help

4. Signal for Help

- If safe, use the bus emergency signal or lights
- Open a window and call for help if needed
- Honk the bus horn to gain attention
- Evacuate the bus, if required