What happens if the bus breaks down?

There have been rare occasions when a bus has broken down. If this occurs in the morning prior to the start of the route, the bus operator will contact parents to advise that the bus is not operating.

If the breakdown occurs at the end of the school day, the contractor will ensure there is a bus to take students home.

If the bus breaks down on route, the bus operator shall provide an alternate bus to complete the route.

Why should my child be dressed appropriately for the weather?

In the event a bus breaks down it is important that students are dressed for the weather conditions. If a bus breakdown occurs it may be sometime before another bus or alternate arrangements can be made to transport students.

What should students do if the bus does not pick them up?

Parents should ensure that their children have a plan in the event that the bus does not arrive to pick them up. Children must be aware of how long to wait at their stop before returning home or going to their alternate location.

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If bus cancellation at a specific school occurs the bus operator will contact parents directly and advise them of the cancellation.

Once a decision is made to cancel bus routes due to inclement weather, the Director of Transportation will contact local radio stations. All such decisions will be announced on the radio. Media outlets are not obligated to broadcast this information but do so as a community service. Bus Route Status will be posted on the WRPS website www.wrps.ab.ca.

It is the parents responsibility to listen for radio announcements and to make suitable arrangements for their children. If parents are in doubt they should contact the bus operator to confirm if the bus is operating.

An individual bus operator may make the decision not to transport students during cold or inclement weather. In the event of a route cancellation the bus operator shall make reasonable effort to contact the parents of students transported on that route.