

TRANSPORTATION IN INCLEMENT WEATHER  
Code No. 711.8

A decision will be made by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee, after consideration of all known factors and available information, as to whether or not to operate school buses and other vehicles used for transportation of students when fog, rain, snow, or other natural elements make it unsafe to transport students.

Individual drivers will not be required to operate a bus or other vehicle when, in their judgment, it would be unsafe to do so. If a driver determines that existing conditions prevent continuation of the remainder of any portion of a route the driver will attempt to immediately notify the superintendent or superintendent's designee by radio, who will attempt to notify parents in the manner best suited to the situation. Plans will be made for temporary management of all students involved until conditions allow the driver to continue.

When adverse conditions exist prior to the beginning of a school day, and it has been determined that a delayed opening or cancellation of school is necessary, students and parents shall be notified by parent messaging system, social media, area commercial radio and television stations. Every effort will be made to make information available as soon as a decision is made including announcement of a subsequent decision to change from a delayed opening to a cancellation of school.

Should adverse weather conditions develop during a school day and it is determined that school shall be dismissed early, every effort will be made to notify parents by parent messaging system, social media, area commercial radio and television stations.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code § 279.8

Cross Reference: 601.02 School Day

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