

ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Suspension of Bus Service Due to Inclement Weather Bulletin

Student Transportation

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Policy EBCD - Inclement Weather forms the basis to suspend busing services as necessary when weather and/or road conditions constitute a potential hazard for students.

- Schools will remain open to students should school bus service be suspended for the day;
- Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is effectively divided into four regions, each having a distinct location within the region to determine temperature and wind chill factor;

When considering bus suspension due to inclement weather or region-specific, adverse conditions, EIPS defines regions in the jurisdiction as:

- Region 1, Strathcona Region
- Region 2, Urban Region - Hamlet of Sherwood Park and the City of Fort Saskatchewan
- Region 3, Lamont Region
- Region 4, Minburn Region

Weather and Road Conditions

School bus service, including all Payride bus services, shall be suspended when:

A temperature of -40 C or a wind chill factor of -50 C is measured at the **Edmonton International Airport** at 5:00 a.m., or at the **Edmonton Weather Office** at 5:00 a.m., or at **Lamont Elementary School** at 5:00 a.m., or at the **Vegreville Environment Centre** at 5:00 a.m.

In the event that conditions are extreme, bus service may be suspended in any or all regions of EIPS when weather or road conditions warrant. In this instance:

- Suspension of bus service information will be released to the public by local area radio and television stations commencing at 6:00 a.m.; and
- A message will be placed on EIPS' central switchboard (780-464-3477).

Parents must use their discretion when sending their children to school during inclement weather conditions, even when buses are running and schools are open. For the safety of the students, it is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that their children are suitably dressed for coping with weather conditions and arrangements have been made for alternate shelter for their child if no one is home.