

# Getting Ready for Snow Days!

## Important Transportation Information

### What Families Can Do to Prepare

The Denver Public Schools Transportation Department is here to provide your child with safe transportation to and from school. We have provided the following Frequently Asked Questions and safety tips to help you prepare for winter weather.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** What is the best way to find out about school closures due to winter weather?

**A:** For your convenience, DPS communicates school-closure information in many ways:

- Visit [www.dpsk12.org](http://www.dpsk12.org). This is the very first place school closures are posted.
- Call (720) 423-3200. This is the DPS main phone number that will be updated with a recorded message if school closures are being considered or have taken effect.
- Watch local news. Most TV stations report school closures the night before or the morning of.

**Q:** If school is open but busses are running late due to winter weather, will families be notified?

**A:** If busses are more than 15 minutes behind schedule, this information will be posted to the Transportation hotline (720) 423-4699.

**Q:** If school is closed, will transportation be provided for after-school activities?

**A:** Transportation is not provided on days when schools are closed.

#### Winter Weather Bus Safety Tips

Check for closures! Visit [www.dpsk12.org](http://www.dpsk12.org), call (720) 423-3200 or watch TV news to see if school is cancelled. If not, be sure to do all of the following:

- **Dress warmly!** Students should be dressed in cold-weather clothing, including a coat, hat, gloves and warm footwear.
- **Stay alert!** Encourage your student to “Stop, Look and Listen” when walking and crossing streets. Hoodies, headphones and phones can distract students from surrounding traffic.
- **Leave plenty of time!** As the weather gets colder, students want to wait until the bus arrives to go to their stop. This results in students running after the bus, which is dangerous, or in the bus waiting for students. This can cause additional delays which forces other students to wait longer in the cold.
- **Wait for the bus to stop!** Students should wait for the bus to stop completely before approaching the bus to get on or before standing up to get off. Always use caution when stepping on or off the bus and wait for the driver’s signal to cross in front of the bus when loading or unloading.
- **Remember the danger zone!** The “Danger Zone” is the area immediately around the bus; make sure the driver can see you to help make loading and unloading safe.



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