

PARIS SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

School Bus Safety - Inclement Weather Instructions

7.005

From time to time, it is necessary to cancel classes across the school system due to poor road or school access conditions that have been caused by inclement weather such as rain/flooding or snow and ice. The Director of Schools is the only person who may make the decision to close school for any reason.

Generally, the Superintendent will confer with the Supervisor of Transportation and other appropriate school system staff and local governmental entities to gather information and decide concerning the status of schools. The intent is to make the decision as early as possible to allow parents to have time to make appropriate arrangements. If the decision to cancel school or delay school must be made in the early morning hours, this decision will be made prior to 5:30 a.m. if possible.

IN THE EVENT OF A TORNADO WARNING:

1. Buses at school will off load. Students and drivers will proceed to the school shelter immediately.
2. Buses near school will proceed to the school provided driving conditions permit. Students and drivers will off load and proceed to the school shelter area and wait for further instructions.
3. Buses on the road and not having time to get the students to the school shelter will go to the safest location available. Drivers should make sure that all students on board are below window level, either on the seats, on the floor, or under the seats, if possible. Drivers should park away from trees or electrical lines as much as possible.

CLOSED ROAD:

1. The Transportation Supervisor and driver will plan as much as possible to re-route students as close to their normal bus stop.