

BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

**BP 3540 Operation of Home-to-School Transportation
During Inclement Weather**

At any time regularly scheduled bus routes and/or special trips may be canceled or modified because of adverse or unsafe driving conditions. The decision to operate must be based upon all safety factors and the welfare of the students. If an unsafe condition exists, the driver and others knowledgeable of the situation must notify the Transportation Supervisor.

If morning transportation is interrupted, Special Services representatives will be consulted regarding the possibility of postponing school from one to two hours in order to transport students at a later time of day.

If it is advisable to leave school early during the day because of weather conditions, the Transportation Supervisor will make arrangements with on-site school staffs and Special Services Administrators for transportation requirements.

Other modifications of home-to-school and special trip transportation may be required because of inclement weather in an operation area. The decision and communications required will be based upon the intent of the guidelines specified herein.

When atmospheric conditions reduce visibility to 200 feet or less, or conditions are considered unsafe due to visibility at the point of departure for parkouts, the drivers will use their discretion whether to start the route or wait out the condition. If departure point is at the County Office, the supervisor on duty will make the decision after coordinating with the Director and spotters throughout the community. Once the bus or van leaves the point of departure, the driver will make the decision to discontinue en route, if conditions warrant this change. The driver will notify the transportation office of the condition and their decision. If a route or trip must be discontinued due to atmospheric conditions, all efforts will be made to discontinue at a place where students and staff have access to phones and restrooms.

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