



PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION

Rural Busing Guidelines for Families

Prairie Spirit Transportation Services

Phone: (306) 374-2496

Student Transportation

- We expect excellent behavior and cooperation from students on our buses, just as we do in our classrooms.
- We encourage parents to have strong communication with their bus driver.
- Please ensure your bus driver has all necessary contact information and is aware of any health concerns your child may have. Any updated information needs to be provided to the school, the Prairie Spirit Bus Garage and your driver.
- **Please let your bus driver know if your child will not be on the bus.**
- Students should be ready to board the bus five minutes before the designated departure time. Buses will wait no longer than two minutes at a pick up point and will not leave any pick up point ahead of time, unless all students are accounted for.
- While riding the bus, eating is not permitted and only water is allowed to drink.

If you have any concerns, please talk to your bus driver. If more assistance is required, please contact Prairie Spirit Transportation Services at (306) 374-2496/busing@spiritsd.ca.

Severe Weather

Please go to our website: www.spiritsd.ca for severe weather policies. If the bus is not running, the bus driver will call each home on the rural route.*

In determining if buses should run, Environment Canada's Saskatoon temperatures are used as a guide for all schools.

Bus cancellations are available on the website: www.spiritsd.ca/buses. This is updated as information is received.

Driving decisions are made ASAP or no later than 30 minutes before the first scheduled morning pick up. Buses that do not run in the morning due to mechanical reasons or fog will run in the afternoon.

**Exceptions would be town students: Clavet (PreK-12), Osler (10-12), Laird (9-12), Dundurn (7-12) and Vanscoy (9-12).*

There will not be early dismissal due to deteriorating weather conditions. If it is determined that the buses will not run at the regular dismissal time, families will be contacted by the school and previously arranged in-town billeting will be used for bus students.

Schools will only be closed to students for reasons such as health and safety. As long as a school remains open for students, parents are welcome to transport their children to the school at any time during the school day.

More information

Busing in Prairie Spirit School Division:
www.spiritsd.ca/buses

Administrative policies, including student transportation:
www.spiritsd.ca/board/app-manual

Environment Canada website:
www.weatheroffice.gc.ca

Prairie Spirit Transportation Services:

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