

# Inclement Weather Reminders

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## Cancelling School Buses and Closing Schools Due to Bad Weather

During the winter months, inclement weather may cause the disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. Families are reminded to review the inclement weather information below. In case of inclement weather, the decision to close schools and/or cancel buses is communicated **by 6:30 a.m.** in the following ways:

### Methods of Communication:

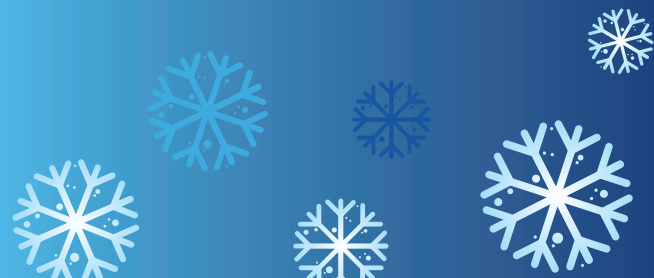
- Halton District School Board website ([hdsb.ca](https://hdsb.ca))
- HDSB Social Media:
  - X (the platform formerly known as Twitter) [@HaltonDSB](https://twitter.com/HaltonDSB)
  - Facebook [@HaltonDistrictSchoolBoard](https://www.facebook.com/HaltonDistrictSchoolBoard)
  - Instagram [@hdsbschools](https://www.instagram.com/hdsbschools)
- HDSB Mobile App (download free from the App Store and Google Play)
- Email Notification through SchoolMessenger
- BusPlanner Delay App (Download free from the App Store and Google Play)
- Halton Student Transportation Services ([haltonbus.ca](https://haltonbus.ca))
- School board office telephone recording at 905-335-3665 and Toll Free 1-877-618-3456
- Television: CHCH, CITY TV, CP24
- AM Radio: CFRB 1010 AM, CJOY 1460 AM, CKOC 1150 AM, CHWO 740 AM, AM680 NEWS, CHAM 820 AM.
- FM Radio: CHFI 98.1 FM, WAVE 94.7 FM, Y108/107.9 FM, CING 95.3 FM, KLITE 102.9 FM, CBC 99.1 FM, CIMJ 106.1 FM.

### Email Notifications on Inclement Weather Days

- The SchoolMessenger system will email the parents/guardians of approximately 67,000 students. Delays in email delivery are caused by limitations of Internet Service Provider (ISP) receiving our messages, spam protection, as well as other GTA school boards sending messages that morning. For this reason, the SchoolMessenger system is supplementary to the [HDSB website \(hdsb.ca\)](https://hdsb.ca), social media, the HDSB Mobile App, TV and radio news channels.

## Reminders for Bus Riders

- When bus transportation is cancelled, it is cancelled for the entire day. Parents/guardians who bring their children to school when buses are cancelled, must make arrangements to pick them up at dismissal time.
- Review the Transportation Zone map to ensure you know which zone you live in. Bus cancellation announcements refer to those zones.
- Pay careful attention to the bus cancellation message if your child travels from one zone to another for a specialized program. If your child travels into or through a zone where the transportation is cancelled, there will be NO transportation provided for your child that day.
- Dress warmly on cold weather days as school buses may be delayed and your child may be waiting for the bus longer than usual.
- Create a Parent Portal account on the [Halton Student Transportation Services \(HSTS\) website](https://haltonbus.ca) to receive updates on bus delays or weather related cancellations ([haltonbus.ca](https://haltonbus.ca)).



## Important Information for All Families

- When schools are closed due to inclement weather, both in-person and e-learning support will not be provided. If buses are cancelled but schools remain open, in-person and e-learning courses will continue.
- When buses are cancelled but schools are open, parents/guardians who keep their children at home **MUST** report this absence before the school day

starts at: Toll free 1-877-409-6310, online at [go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca), or the HDSB Mobile App.

- When the temperature (with or without) wind chill reaches -20 degrees Celsius, students will enter the school immediately upon arrival in the morning and remain indoors during nutrition breaks.
- It is a parent/guardian's decision whether or not they send their child to school on inclement weather days.

# Inclement Weather Transportation Zones

