

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. Parents/guardians are reminded to review the inclement weather information below for the 2014-2015 school year.

In case of inclement weather, the decision to close schools and/or cancel buses is communicated beginning at 6:30 a.m. in the following ways:

Primary Methods of Communication:

- Halton District School Board website (www.hdsb.ca)
- Halton Student Transportation Services (www.haltonbus.ca)
- Telephone recording through the Board's main switchboard at 905-335-3665 and 1-877-618-3456
- Television Stations: CHCH, CITY TV, CP24
- AM Radio Stations: CFRB 1010 AM, CJOY 1460 AM, CHML 900 AM, CKOC 1150 AM, CHWO 740 AM, AM680NEWS, CHAM 820 AM.
- FM Radio Stations: CHFI 98.1 FM, WAVE 94.7 FM, Y108/107.9 FM, CING 95.3 FM, CKFM 99.9 FM, KLITE 102.9 FM, CBC 99.1 FM, CIMJ 106.1 FM.

Supplementary Methods of Communication:

- The Home Notification System will email the parents of approximately 60,000 students (between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m.). Delays are caused by limitations of external email hosts receiving our messages, spam protection, as well as other GTA school boards sending messages that morning. For this reason the Home Notification System is supplementary to TV, radio and website communication.
- Twitter – School closures and bus cancellations will be tweeted to followers at #HaltonDSB

It is a parent's decision whether or not they send their child to school on inclement weather days.

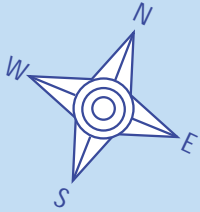
Reminders for Bus Riders

- When bus transportation is cancelled, it is cancelled for the entire day. Parents who bring their children to school when buses are cancelled, must make arrangements to pick them up at dismissal time.
- Due to housing development in north Burlington and Oakville between Hwy. 407 and Dundas Street, the boundary area for bus cancellations and school closures has been changed to include the area south of Hwy. 407. The area south of Dundas Street (west of Hwy. 407) remains unchanged. [See map on reverse for details.](#)
- Pay careful attention to the bus cancellation message if your child/children travels from one zone to another for a specialized program. If your child travels into or through a zone where the transportation is cancelled, then 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 for a longer time than usual.
- Sign up on the Halton Student Transportation Service (HSTS) website for updates on bus delays or cancellations (www.haltonbus.ca).

High School Exams: Each secondary school will provide instructions in advance to students/parents/guardians regarding what to do in the event of a school closure or transportation cancellation during the secondary school exam period. This information is posted on high school websites and the Halton District School Board website.

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Inclement Weather Transportation Zones



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