RSCO TRANSPORTATION

INCLEMENT WEATHER & EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

The Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) Transportation transports students enrolled in the RSCO School Choice schools and programs. A variety of inclement weather (including: extreme heat, snow, ice, high winds, flooding, natural disaster, etc.) and emergency situations (including: health and safety, electricity, school facility issues, etc.) may affect RSCO Transportation services for your children. We ask that you review this information to help prepare you for transportation schedule changes that may result because of inclement weather and emergency situations that may result in your school having a delayed opening, early dismissal, or closing.

HOW ARE YOU INFORMED?

Schools notify families with an automated message by email, phone, and/or text. Families may also check local radio and television channels (WFSB-3, FOX-61, WTNH-8, and NBC-30) for updates on their broadcasts or websites.

DELAYED OPENINGS

A delay in start time may vary by school and district.

Delayed Opening Pick-Up Times: To calculate your child’s delayed opening pick-up time, take your normally scheduled pick-up time and add the amount of the delay (for example: 7:10 a.m. pick-up time, with a 90-minute delay would be 8:40 a.m. pick-up time for the delayed start). Please arrive at your bus stop at least 10 minutes before the calculated pick-up time and be prepared to wait up to 10 minutes after the calculated pick-up time since buses may be running off schedule.

Students on shared school bus routes: Some of the bus routes transport to multiple school locations. Shared School Bus Routes include more than one school name in the route name. If your child is on a shared school bus route then your delayed opening pick-up time is determined by the school or district with the longest delay.

EARLY DISMISSALS

A school may have an unscheduled early dismissal due to an emergency or inclement weather.

Emergency dismissals: Schools that dismiss early for an emergency will notify families of the release time.

Inclement weather dismissals: When school districts dismiss early because of inclement weather, RSCO Transportation transports Choice students using the following schedule:

- Middle and High School buses leave at 11:00 a.m.
- Elementary School buses leave at 12:15 p.m.

Students on shared school bus routes: Some of the bus routes transport to multiple school locations. Shared School Bus Routes include more than one school name in the route name. If your child is on a shared bus route, then your early dismissal time is determined by the school or district with the earliest dismissal time.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

RSCO Transportation will not provide transportation to closed schools.

School closing may result from an emergency or inclement weather. When schools are closed because of inclement weather, RSCO Transportation follows the decision of the towns (where schools are located and/or students reside) and schools and will not transport students to/from a:

- school that is closed; or
- city/town that has closed its schools because of inclement weather.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

If my child’s school is closing early due to an emergency concern, do I have to go pick up my child at their school? No, you do not have to pick up your child from school. Your child will be transported to their regular bus stop.

Does my child have transportation if a school on my child’s bus route is closed, but my child’s school is open? Your child will have their normal transportation and the bus will not stop at the closed school.

How can I find my child’s bus route? Visit crec.org/transportation/rsco or call 860-524-4077.

Who do I contact if I have questions? Please contact RSCO Transportation Customer Service at rscotransportation@crec.org or 860-524-4077. Customer service call volume may be high during inclement weather.