Guidelines for school and/or bus cancellations due to inclement weather

Remember: Parents/guardians always have the right to keep their

child home from school if they believe that the travelling conditions are unsuitable.

Nova Scotia winter weather can change quickly and can be challenging to predict. This document outlines the steps we take when deciding whether to cancel school and/or bussing.



All schools are closed for the day



Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day



All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day



All schools are delayed in opening by 2 hours



An 11:00 am announcement could be:

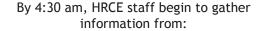
Bussed students will be picked up 2 hours earlier than their regular dismissal time



Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour



How does Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) decide on school and/ or bus cancellations?



- A contracted weather service that provides radar and satellite imagery, real-time road conditions and weather warnings;
- A meteorologist who provides forecast details, level and type of precipitation and impact on road conditions;
- HRCE's three transportation service providers, who provide updates on road conditions in their area:
- Municipal and provincial transportation staff; and
- Other local weather services, including Environment Canada and the Weather Network.

By 5:30 am, HRCE staff make recommendations to the Regional Executive Director (or designate), who then makes the final decision.

This decision is communicated by 6:00 am.















