

Business and Non-instructional Operations Administrative Regulation 3543.1(a)

OPERATION OF BUSES DURING PERIODS OF REDUCED VISIBILITY

Parent/Guardian Notification in the Event of Delay

It shall be the bus driver's responsibility to attempt to notify the parents/guardians of students on his/her bus route anytime bus service has been or will be suspended or delayed.

Public Notification in the Event of Delay

The Transportation Supervisor shall notify the local radio stations of the delay in bus operations whenever delays due to reduced visibility are expected to last for more than one hour.

Bus Driver Authority to Suspend Operations Due to Reduced Visibility

School bus drivers, while on a school activity trip, shall have the authority to discontinue the operation of the bus if the driver determines that it is unsafe to continue operation because of weather-related reduced visibility. The driver of the bus shall ensure that the bus is off the roadway in a safe location prior to discontinuing the operation of the bus. As soon as possible, the driver shall notify the Transportation Supervisor of his/her decision to discontinue the operation of the bus. The Transportation Supervisor shall take appropriate action to ensure the safe return of students from the school activity trip and will appropriately notify parents/guardians and school officials.