



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope these early autumn days find you well and your children have had a positive start to the school year. Before the winter months are upon us, I want to make sure you are familiar with our transportation processes should schools be delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather in the weeks and months ahead.

The following explains LEARN’s policy for transportation when schools are delayed or are closed due to weather or other emergencies. As a guiding principle, buses will not run in areas that have been determined by local towns as being unsafe for local school district transportation. Because we are a regional magnet district, **parents using LEARN transportation need to attend to both the LEARN delay/closing of an individual school as well as the delay/closing of the district where the bus stop is located (which may be different than the district where a student resides)**. Therefore, we put the following guidelines in practice:

If LEARN Magnet School (RMMS, DLAMMS, MSMHS, Three Rivers) is...	Then transportation from hub stops is...	If the district in which the hub stop is located is...	Then transportation from hub stop is...
Delayed	Delayed	Delayed	Delayed
Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled

The following are some possible scenarios that may help you in understanding the transportation policy:

School closing examples:

- If the LEARN school is closed there will not be transportation, even if the district in which the student resides is open. **Example: If MSMHS is closed and Ledyard schools are open, there will not be transportation because the school is not in session.**
- If the district in which the bus stop is located is closed due to weather conditions but the LEARN school is open, there will not be bus transportation to school from stops located in that district. When the town has canceled school it is because the roads are considered unsafe for transporting school children. However, parents may provide their own

transportation in this scenario. **Example: If Norwich schools are closed but RMMS is open, students who are typically picked up at a Norwich hub stop will not have transportation on that day.**

School delay examples:

- If the LEARN school is delayed transportation will also be delayed, even if the district where the bus stop is located is on a regular time schedule. **Example: If MSMHS is delayed but Ledyard schools are open on time, transportation will pick up 90 minutes later than usual due to the delay.**
- If the LEARN school is on time but the district in which the bus stop is located is delayed, transportation will be delayed. **Example: If Norwich is delayed 90 minutes but Dual Language school is open on time, transportation will pick up 90 minutes later than usual due to the delay.**
- If the LEARN school is delayed but the district in which the bus stop is located is cancelled, there will not be transportation. **Example: If Norwich is closed but RMMS is delayed 90 minutes, there will not be transportation. However, parents may provide their own transportation in this scenario.**

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please feel free to contact Cathy Heath, LEARN's Transportation Coordinator at 860-434-4800 ext. 163.

We appreciate your time in this matter.

Sincerely,



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