



Severe-weather conditions

On severe-weather days when schools are open, parents are reminded to expect delays in school bus service and to help dress children appropriately.

School closure

The decision to close schools is made by approximately 5:30 a.m. that day. Tune in to local radio/television stations or go online to PSD's Web site (www.psdschools.org). *Please do not call the schools, district offices, or broadcast media.*

Delayed start

The decision to follow the delayed-start schedule is made by 5:30 a.m. that day. On these days, students will be picked up at their bus stop 2 hours later than normal. Delayed start helps buses avoid morning "rush-hour" traffic, and road crews have more time to plow roads. Morning-only kindergarten/early childhood programs are cancelled on these days.

Early release

If the weather forecast suddenly changes to adverse conditions, PSD may put into action an early release. Parents are urged to develop a plan for the possibility of their students early release from school. When the decision is made to release students early, parents will be notified by phone and e-mail. *Parents are urged to keep emergency contact information updated at their child's school.* Local media outlets also will communicate early release (see back).

Are schools closed today?

On the day in question, go online or tune in to local media stations to find out if schools are closed or on a delayed-start schedule. *Please do not call the schools, district offices, or broadcast media.*

PSD web site: www.psdschools.org

Local newspaper: www.coloradoan.com

TV stations (Comcast cable channels are listed below; channels may vary by provider):

- Channel 2 CW2 Colorado/KWGN-TV
- Channel 4 KCNC4 Denver/CBS4 Denver
- Channel 5 CBS 5 (Northern Colorado)
- Channel 7 7News KMGH
- Channel 9 9News KUSA
- Channel 10 PSD public access TV (Comcast & U.S. Cable)
- Channel 13 Fox 31

Radio Stations:

- KCOL 600 AM
- KCSU 90.5 FM
- KFKA 1310 AM
- KGRE 1450 AM (Spanish)
- KJJD 1170 AM (Spanish)
- KKQZ 94.3 FM
- KOA 850 AM
- KOOL 105 FM
- KPAW 107.9 FM
- KQOE 1410 AM
- KRFC 88.9 FM
- KIS 96.1 FM
- KUAD/K99 99 FM
- KUNC 91.5 FM
- TRI 102 102.5 FM

Contact Transportation Services

For general information, check out the Transportation web site: www.psdschools.org/services/operations/transportation

For additional questions, please call: **970-490-3232 -or- 970-490-3155**



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Riding the Bus

Poudre School District Transportation Services

Providing safe and efficient transportation to 12,000 students every day in Poudre School District!



Educate...
Every Child, Every Day



Buses transport students safely

Ensuring student safety is a top priority for Poudre School District Transportation Services:

- Certified, licensed bus drivers who have been carefully screened, attend extensive training and undergo rigorous driving performance tests before operating a school bus in Poudre School District.
- Vehicle maintenance and safety checks include daily pre- and post-trip bus inspection, maintenance every 1,500 miles and a thorough safety and reliability assessment every 12 months.
- School bus rules are enforced to ensure the safety of all students on the bus.

Disruptive behavior, unsafe items, and disrespect to students and the driver are not tolerated. Parent cooperation and support is important to help ensure safety procedures are followed.

Colorado state law does not require districts to provide transportation. PSD considers bus transportation a privilege and has the expectation of students to behave in a manner consistent with good classroom behavior and the PSD Student Rights & Code of Conduct.



Is your student eligible to ride the PSD bus?

Student eligibility based on distance from home to school

PSD provides round-trip transportation for students based on the distance between their home and neighborhood school:

- Elementary school students in kindergarten-5th grade living more than 1 mile from school, in the school attendance area.*
- Middle school students in grades 6–8 living more than 1½ miles from school, in the school attendance area.
- Senior high students living more than 2 miles from school, in the school attendance area.

*One-way transportation is provided for kindergarten students who attend a half-day program.

Students who live within walking distance may be able to receive transportation through the City of Fort Collins Transfort bus system. Information: www.fcgov.com/transfort or call 221-6620.

Additional transportation options for students

Students who are not eligible under the distance criteria, or who have transportation needs not met by pre-assigned routes, may be eligible to ride the bus as part of their educational program, or by application.

Space-Available Busing

Transportation for students attending a school outside of their neighborhood boundary is the **responsibility of their parents**.

Parents may apply for transportation services for their student by submitting the *Space-Available Transportation Application* which will be accepted each year beginning August 1. Parents will be notified beginning in October whether or not a seat is available for their student on the bus. Eligibility and assignment of bus route is subject to change at any time during the school year, depending on the capacity of buses on existing routes and stops.

Applications are available on the PSD Web site under “Bus Information” or by calling 490-3155 beginning August 1.

To determine eligibility, assigned bus stop and pick-up/drop-off times, and to download the *Space-Available Transportation* and *Alternative Transportation Applications*, visit www.psdschools.org and click on the “Bus Information” gold star.

Special Education

Students whose IEP (Individualized Education Plan) indicates transportation needs are eligible for round-trip transportation. *Please call 490-3233 for more information.*

Alternative Transportation

Students may apply for transportation services for medical conditions and special circumstances. Each situation will be carefully considered in the order of which they are received. *Applications are available on the PSD Web site under “Bus Information” or by calling 490-3155 beginning August 1.*

English Language Acquisition (ELA)

Students whose home language is not English may be eligible for ELA services. These students may receive round-trip transportation to another school if their neighborhood school does not offer the specified program. *Please call 490-3081 for more information.*