



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

Please note: The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Division of Student Transportation (DOT) will be operating as follows during periods of inclement weather. These guidelines apply to all DCPS, non-public, and public charter schools.

CODE RED – No transportation

CODE YELLOW – Limited transportation

CODE GREEN – Fully operational

	OSSE DOT	Customer Service
Scenario #1		
CODE RED DCPS is <u>CLOSED</u> DC Government is <u>CLOSED</u>	Transportation is suspended. OSSE DOT <u>WILL NOT</u> provide transportation services to any jurisdiction.	Parent Resource Center is <u>CLOSED</u>
Scenario #2		
CODE RED DCPS is <u>CLOSED</u> DC Government is <u>OPEN</u>	Transportation is suspended. OSSE DOT <u>WILL NOT</u> provide transportation services to any jurisdiction. OSSE DOT <u>WILL</u> open.	Parent Resource Center is <u>OPEN</u> 5 a.m.–7 p.m.
Scenario #3		
CODE YELLOW DCPS is <u>OPEN</u> School systems in neighboring jurisdictions are <u>CLOSED</u>	OSSE DOT <u>WILL</u> only transport students that reside in and attend schools in DC. OSSE DOT <u>WILL NOT</u> provide transportation services to/from residences or schools in neighboring jurisdictions. <i>Example: If a student resides in the neighboring jurisdiction and attends a school in DC, OSSE DOT <u>WILL NOT</u> transport to/from school.</i> <i>If a student resides in DC and attends a school in the neighboring jurisdiction, OSSE DOT <u>WILL NOT</u> transport to/from school.</i>	Parent Resource Center is <u>OPEN</u> 5 a.m.–7 p.m.
Scenario #4		
CODE YELLOW	OSSE DOT <u>WILL</u> transport to/from schools in DC on time.	Parent Resource Center is <u>OPEN</u>

<p>DCPS is <u>OPEN</u></p> <p>School systems in neighboring jurisdictions are operating on a <u>DELAYED OPENING</u></p>	<p>OSSE DOT <u>WILL</u> provide transportation services to/from neighboring jurisdiction on a delayed schedule. Pick-up/Drop-off times will be based on the <u>DELAYED OPENING TIMES</u> in the respective jurisdictions.</p> <p><i>Example: If a student resides in DC and attends a school in the neighboring jurisdiction, OSSE DOT <u>WILL</u> transport to school based on the school's delayed opening.</i></p> <p><i>If a student resides in the neighboring jurisdiction and attends a school in DC, OSSE DOT <u>WILL</u> transport to school based on the delayed opening time in the respective jurisdiction.</i></p> <p><i>See TABLE 1 below for an example.</i></p>	<p>5 a.m.–7 p.m.</p>
<p>Scenario #5</p>		
<p>CODE YELLOW</p> <p>DCPS is operating on a <u>DELAYED OPENING</u></p> <p>School systems in neighboring jurisdictions are <u>OPEN ON TIME OR HAVE A DELAYED OPENING</u></p>	<p>OSSE DOT <u>WILL</u> provide transportation services to/from schools in DC and neighboring jurisdictions based on DCPS delayed opening. Pick-up times will be based on DCPS <u>DELAYED OPENING TIME</u>.</p> <p><i>Example: If a student resides in DC and attends a school in the neighboring jurisdiction that is open on time or have a delayed opening, OSSE DOT <u>WILL</u> transport to school based on DCPS delayed opening time or the delayed opening time in the neighboring jurisdiction (whichever is the latest)</i></p> <p><i>If a student resides in the neighboring jurisdiction that is open on time or has a delayed opening and attends a school in DC that has a delayed opening, OSSE DOT <u>WILL</u> transport to school based on DCPS delayed opening or the delayed opening time in the neighboring jurisdiction (whichever is the latest)</i></p> <p><i>See TABLE 1 below for an example of a delayed opening schedule</i></p>	<p>Parent Resource Center is <u>OPEN</u></p> <p>5 a.m.–7 p.m.</p>
<p>Scenario #6</p>		
<p>CODE YELLOW</p>	<p>OSSE DOT <u>WILL</u> provide transportation services to/from schools in DC based on DCPS</p>	<p>Parent Resource Center is <u>OPEN</u></p>

<p>DCPS is <u>DELAYED</u></p> <p>School systems in neighboring jurisdictions are <u>CLOSED</u></p>	<p>delayed opening. Pick-up times will be based on DCPS <u>DELAYED OPENING TIME</u>.</p> <p>OSSE DOT WILL NOT provide transportation services to/from residences or schools in neighboring jurisdictions that are closed.</p> <p><i>Example: If a student resides in the neighboring jurisdiction that is closed and attend a school in DC that is delayed, OSSE DOT WILL NOT transport to/ from school.</i></p> <p><i>If a student resides in DC and attends a school in the neighboring jurisdiction that is closed, OSSE DOT WILL NOT transport to/from school.</i></p>	<p>5 a.m.–7 p.m.</p>
<p>Scenario #7</p>		
<p>CODE YELLOW</p> <p>DCPS and schools in neighboring jurisdictions are operating on <u>EARLY DISMISSAL</u></p>	<p>OSSE DOT will dispatch routes based on the school’s <u>EARLY DISMISSAL TIME</u>. OSSE DOT will close after the last student is dropped off.</p> <p><i>Example: If a student attends school in DC or in the neighboring jurisdiction, OSSE DOT WILL transport from school based on the school’s early dismissal time.</i></p> <p><i>See TABLE 2 below for an example of an early dismissal schedule.</i></p>	<p>Parent Resource Center is <u>OPEN</u></p> <p>5 a.m. until the last student is transported home</p>

TABLE 1: 2-hour delayed opening

Normal Pick-Up	6:45 a.m.
Delayed Pick-Up	8:45 a.m.
Normal School Opening	8 a.m.
Delayed School Opening	10 a.m.

TABLE 2: 2-hour early dismissal

Normal School Dismissal	3 p.m.
Early School Dismissal	1 p.m.
Normal Drop-Off	3:30 p.m..
Early Drop-Off	1:30 p.m.

Alternative Transportation
 Parents/guardians are responsible for arranging alternative transportation if their child’s school chooses to remain open when OSSE DOT is not providing services due to inclement weather. If a parent/guardian decides to take the student to school when the District is closed due to inclement weather, OSSE-DOT will not provide reimbursement. Parents/ guardians should contact the student’s school or LEA directly for updates about school operating statuses.

Unsafe Road Conditions
 In addition to the above procedures, OSSE DOT bus drivers are empowered to use discretion and not take a bus on a street they believe to be not passable, even when school is open. In such cases, OSSE DOT’s Parent Resource Center will make every effort to contact parents/guardians to inform them of the situation and attempt to obtain alternate pick up arrangements where available, such as the main intersection. Please expect delays in this event.

Transportation Status Updates

On days with inclement weather, OSSE DOT will send transportation status reports to schools and parents/guardians via automated text and telephone messages. It is imperative that parents/guardians keep their contact information updated with their child's school to ensure they receive these automated messages.

Transportation status updates will also be posted regularly during inclement weather on OSSE's website (osse.dc.gov), and social media outlets, including Facebook (facebook.com/ossedc), and Twitter (@OSSEDC).