

- Ice skates must be carried in a sports bag or tied together with the blades covered; skateboards need to be secured to or in a bag
- Parents are expected to provide transportation for their children when bulky or large items such as projects, sports equipment (ie: skis), or large musical instruments must be taken to and from school

Inclement Weather

Poor road conditions due to inclement weather may force cancellation of school bus service. Individual routes may be canceled due to the following conditions:

- -40° Celsius as of 6:00am
- Conditions that reduce visibility to 0.5 kilometers or less
- Freezing rain that makes road conditions treacherous
- Unpassable roads due to blowing and/or drifting snow
- Extreme wind conditions that make driving unsafe

The LRSD Transportation office and its drivers consult the Government of Alberta’s traveler and road condition information service, 511 Alberta along with RCMP-issued highway travel advisories and local weather conditions to determine route safety in adverse weather conditions.

If a driver cancels their route due to inclement weather, they will call their route families and the division Transportation office, which will

then inform the schools. Bus route status is updated regularly and available on the division website at www.lrsd.ca. Schools remain open even if bus routes are canceled.

Know Your Child’s Route

It is important that you know your child’s school bus route number and the name and phone number of the driver. Keep this information in a handy place, such as on your fridge or in your cell phone.

ROUTE #: _____

DRIVER NAME: _____

DRIVER PHONE: _____

NOTES: _____

Contact Us

If you have questions about busing with Livingstone Range School Division, contact our Transportation office.

Phone: 403-625-3356
 Toll-Free: 1-800-310-6579
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SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION



Livingstone Range School Division (LRSD) proudly and safely transports more than 1600 students to 14 schools across our jurisdiction. When it comes to ensuring children have a safe and comfortable bus ride to and from school, the LRSD Transportation office, school bus drivers, parents, and students all have a role to play.



Our School Buses

Certified mechanics ensure all LRSD buses are in good working condition and reliable. In compliance with provincial legislation, safety inspections are performed every 6 months. In addition, each driver conducts daily pre-trip inspections before each run. All LRSD buses are equipped with 2-way radios to communicate with the Transportation office and other drivers.

Driver Qualifications

Our competent and caring bus drivers work hard each day to ensure students arrive at school safely and on time. Legislation requires that school bus drivers have the following:

- Valid Class 1 or Class 2 drivers license
- Commercial drivers abstract
- Criminal record check, including a vulnerable sector check
- S-endorsement course, specific to school bus operation.

In addition, LRSD bus drivers are trained in First Aid and receive ongoing safety training.

Communication with Your Bus Driver

Drivers care about the students that they transport each day and develop trusting relationships with the families on their route.

Because LRSD bus drivers communicate directly with families on their route, cell phones are used to receive and send phone calls and text messages with parents regarding their children. In some cases, a bus driver may choose a responsible student on their route to answer phone calls and texts from parents

and relay the information to the driver, so the driver is never using their phone while driving. In other cases, drivers will check their phones only at certain times prior to their routes. Drivers will never use their phone while operating the bus.

As a parent, it is important that you know your child's school bus route number and the name and phone number of your driver. Your driver will tell you the best way to contact them and what times they are available.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off

For rural busing, the provincial standard is to pick up students at the entrance to their property. As a courtesy for LRSD students, we provide door-to-door pick-up and drop-off service.

Students should be ready in their home at least 3 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time and be properly dressed for the weather. School buses may be delayed due to weather or road conditions, so please ensure children are dressed so they can comfortably wait for the bus under all conditions.

After school, students will be dropped off at their home. For the safety of younger children and children with special needs, a parent/guardian must be home when the student is dropped off. In cases where no parent is home, the student will remain on the bus as the driver finishes the route. The driver will then try to drop off the student at their home again. If a parent/guardian is still not home, the driver will return the student to their school.

Riding the School Bus

Student safety and comfort is increased when students follow these good passenger rules:

- Walk - don't run

- Hold the handrail and board the bus in single-file without pushing or shoving
- Take your seat right away and remain seated until exiting the bus
- Keep aisles clear at all times; books and backpacks should be kept on your lap
- Avoid distracting or disturbing the driver.
- Do not use abusive or offensive language
- Never throw objects inside the bus or out of the windows
- Keep your hands, feet, arms, and head inside the bus windows at all times
- Promptly obey the driver's instructions
- Always treat your driver with respect and courtesy

Getting Off the School Bus

When exiting the bus, students should remember to:

- Have your belongings organized and put in your backpack before arriving at your stop
- Remain seated until the school bus comes to a complete stop
- Walk - don't run - to the front of the school bus and use the handrail when getting off the bus
- Move away from the school bus, remembering the danger zone
- If you must cross the road, wait at the front of the school bus until your driver gives you the signal to cross the road

Transporting Equipment On the School Bus

In the interest of safety, only certain equipment is allowed on school buses, under the following conditions:

- Small musical instruments must be housed in cases and should be kept on the student's lap whenever possible