FIRST STUDENT BUS RIDERS

ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL

Parents/caregivers are responsible for children until they board the school bus on the way to school. Families should have an alternate plan in place in the event the school bus does not arrive at the scheduled time. Buses may be late for many reasons including road conditions or vehicle failure. In some cases a bus may not be able to complete its run.

Please ensure your children know and are familiar with your alternate plan. If parents believe there is a risk of harm before their child gets on the bus (for example, bad weather), it is the responsibility of parents/caregivers to arrange for a safe way for their child to meet the school bus or seek alternate shelter.

If the bus is late, the student should wait 10 minutes and then return home. For up-to-date information call the First Student bus information line at (306) 343-3300. Unless other directions are provided by First Student, the student should return to the bus pick-up location one hour after the original pick-up time. For example, if the original pick-up time is 8:15 a.m., the adjusted pick-up time would be 9:15 a.m.

ON THE WAY HOME

It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure there is appropriate supervision after First Student drops off the child at his/her regular bus drop-off location. It is recommended that parents/caregivers of Kindergarten to Grade 2 students meet the bus each day. Parents/caregivers must have appropriate supervision plans in place once the child is dropped off by the bus.

BUS ROUTE DELAY AND CANCELLATION INFORMATION

Call the First Student Bus Information Line at (306) 343-3300 for bus route delay and cancellation information or access the First Student website at saskatoon.firststudentinc.com. On the First Student website, click on the Delays & Cancellations link to view information or sign up for email alerts through the subscription link. For additional information, contact First Student at (306) 343-2125.

Wheelchair transportation is automatically cancelled for the entire day when <u>Environment Canada website</u> reports the temperature with wind chill at 7:00 a.m. is minus 40 degrees Celsius or colder.

First Student school buses are automatically cancelled for the entire day when <u>Environment Canada website</u> reports the temperature with wind chill at 7:00 a.m. is minus 45 degrees Celsius or colder.

Visit <u>saskatoonpublicschools.ca/severeweather</u> for additional information on severe weather procedures for schools and student transportation.

Thank you for your co-operation and continued support to keep students safe.

