

SEASON'S GREETINGS...

SCHOOL VEHICLE CANCELLATION PROCESS

Weather related school vehicle cancellations are identified by SCSTC-contracted School Vehicle Operators, in consultation with the SCSTC.

Every effort is made to communicate the decision to cancel school vehicles in Simcoe County between 6 and 6:30 AM.

School vehicle cancellations are posted on the SCSTC website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca, and the SCSTC twitter account @SCSTC_SchoolBus.

If school vehicle services are cancelled in the morning, the school vehicles will not run in the afternoon. Cancellations remain in effect for the entire day, regardless of changes in weather.

Student safety is always the priority.

Please see the next page for additional information.



WINTER TRAVEL TIPS FOR STUDENTS

- ▶ Try to leave extra time to get to the bus stop in the morning to avoid rushing in winter conditions.
- ▶ Be sure to check the SCSTC website for any school vehicle delays which may affect you.
- ▶ Wear bright colours or reflective clothing when travelling to and from the bus stop during the winter.
- ▶ Stand back a safe distance from the roadway when waiting at the bus stop.

EQUIPMENT ON SCHOOL VEHICLES

For safety, the aisles on school vehicles must be kept clear of obstacles at all times. Only small items that can be easily placed on a student's lap - or in a school bag - are permitted on school vehicles.



Skis, ski poles, snowshoes, sleighs, toboggans, etc. are strictly prohibited.

Musical instruments in their cases are acceptable, provided they can fit on students' laps or between their legs resting on the floor.

Key Transportation Dates

December 24, 2018 - January 4, 2019:
Christmas Break (no home-to-school transportation)

March 27, 2019:
(Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) (altered transportation to secondary schools)



OSSLT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

For those students writing the test, transportation will remain the same.

For those students **not** writing the test, a modified timetable and transportation schedule will be communicated to schools through the school board, to accommodate the test administration:

All SMCDSB and SCDSB regular and specialized school vehicles will run their regular schedule in the morning to pick-up students writing the OSSLT.

Additionally, all SMCDSB and SCDSB regular and specialized school vehicles to secondary schools will make a second morning run to pick-up students who are not writing the OSSLT.

Students not writing the OSSLT will be picked up at their regular designated bus stops on the second morning run, based on the schedule provided by the school board.

End of the day transportation will operate as usual for both the SMCDSB and SCDSB. Please ensure that parents/guardians are aware of all changes.

If you have any questions, please contact your SCSTC Transportation Co-ordinator.

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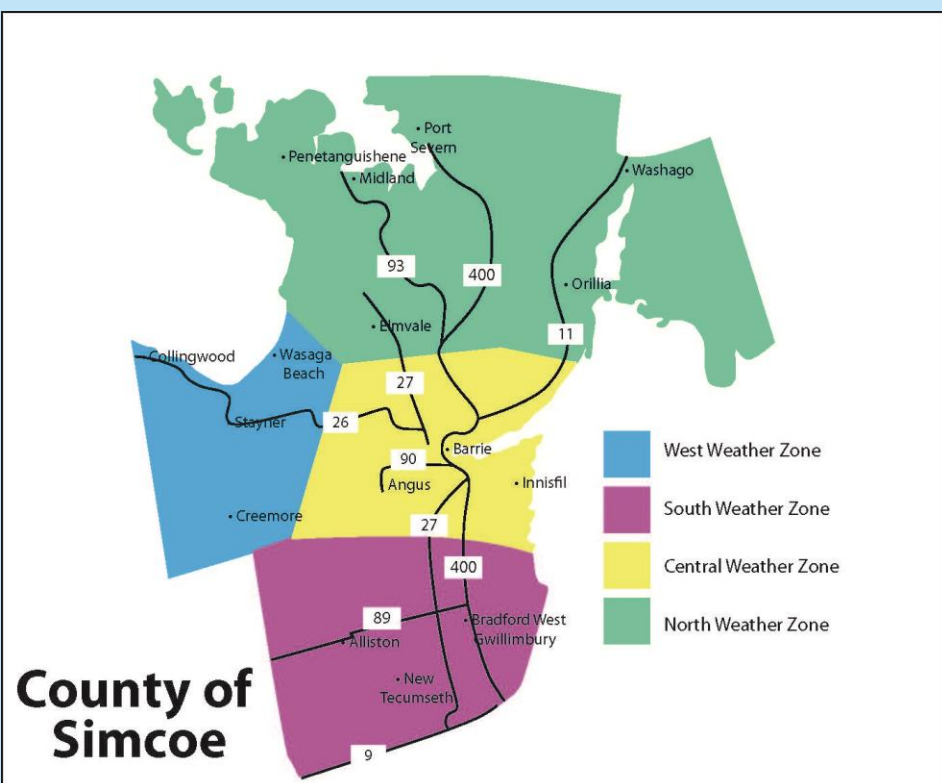
SCHOOL WEATHER ZONES

Weather-related school vehicle cancellations may be specific to a single weather zone, multiple weather zones, or a total Simcoe County cancellation.

To identify your students' school weather zone, use the map below, contact your school, or visit the SCSTC website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.

Factors considered for school vehicle cancellations include:

- assessment of current road conditions;
- assessment of current and forecasted weather information;
- assessment of visibility as it relates to the safe operation of school vehicles;
- confirmation if snow plows have been out on the roads;
- gathering additional information on road conditions from local services.



DID YOU KNOW?

• If a school vehicle is running more than *15 minutes late* the operator will post the delay to our website at simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

• The area serviced by the SCSTC is divided into four (4) weather zones.

Confirm which weather zone your school is in by visiting simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.