

School Year 2018-2019

LABBB-EDCO TRANSPORTATION NETWORK ~ SNOW CANCELLATION / DELAY POLICY

Hello families...It is that time again! We thought we would review the cancellation policy for school transportation. We encourage parents to use their own discretion when sending their children on snowy or icy days. Because LABBB-EDCO coordinates transportation of students to and from seven Districts and many different school programs, questions may arise regarding cancellations and delayed openings. The following guidelines have been established for students from all Districts participating in this cooperative transportation effort.

SNOW CANCELLATIONS:

- If the town in which a student **lives** cancels school – We will not transport to or from that town.
- If the town in which your child's program **is located** cancels school – We will not transport to that location.

(These above policies have been established by your Districts to provide the safest possible travel for all... of course; parents are always welcome to drive their child to school themselves)

DELAYED OPENINGS / EARLY RELEASES:

Delays can be confusing. Although they do not occur often, we have tried to establish a practice that is fair & safe for all.

- If the school your child attends decides to delay school one or two hours, your child will be picked up approximately one to two hours later than usual. (School will be dismissed at the regular time.)
- When your home town declares a “delayed” opening, we have to assume it is due to unsafe road conditions within that town and we will honor that delay. Your child will be picked up on the delayed schedule.

“But my child rides with classmates from neighboring towns...how can that work if my town has a delay and the other students from another town on the car do not have a delay or have a different delay...?”

- If your child is riding to school in a car with children from different towns...and there is a delayed opening in any one of the towns for any student in the vehicle...the entire vehicle will automatically operate on that delay. In the case of varying delays, ie., Arlington has a 2 hr. delay and Lexington has a 1 hr. delay; all students on that route would be picked up at the later time; approximately 2 hrs later. This has been established both for safety reasons and to help with the logistics of transporting all the children to school. **As a parent, you may decide not to send your child to school on a day with delayed openings OR you may choose to drive your child to school yourself. Please call your Transportation Company as early as possible if this decision is made.**
- Exceptions will be considered, as each winter day has its own set of circumstances. Getting our students to school and home safely will always be our priority. We appreciate your understanding during these challenging mornings. Our wish is that all snow occurs on school vacations!
- If school is released early, a parent must be prepared to be home to receive their child. Please arrange to be home or have another person at home to receive your child in the case of an early dismissal in bad weather.

***Should you have any questions, please contact us at
781-227-8020***

