



East Windsor Regional School District Winter Transportation Tips

1. Don't rush. When roads and sidewalks are slippery, rushing to catch the bus or driving faster to make it to your destination can have disastrous results. Children need extra time to get to the bus stop in cold, windy, or snowy conditions. Encouraging them to leave a few minutes early and take their time can reduce the number of falls on slick pavement.

2. Bundle up. Students need to keep warm at the bus stop, but they also must still be able to see and hear what's going on around them. When bundling up your child in the morning, make sure he or she still has an adequate line of sight and can hear traffic and other noises.

3. Watch your step. When walking on snow-covered or icy surfaces, watch where you are walking, take shorter, more deliberate steps or do the "penguin shuffle."

4. Get a grip. Wear footwear appropriate for conditions. Avoid footwear with slick (no tread) soles when walking on wet surfaces, snow, or ice.

5. Be patient. School bus drivers are trained to drive in inclement weather; however, snow and icy roads can slow down even the most experienced driver. Safety is each driver's top priority and extra time may be needed to get from stop to stop.

6. Hold on. The seemingly simple task of getting on and off the bus can be taken for granted. Always use the handrails.

7. Be weather aware. Bad weather can lead to school cancellations, delays, or early dismissals. Make sure your school has your contact information to receive alerts, and be sure to check your school website or local media when inclement weather is expected.