



LAUSD – Transportation Services Division

Stormy/Rainy Weather Suggestions for Students and Parents

- If the bus is delayed for morning pick-up, parents should notify Dispatch at 1-800-LA-BUSES to inquire about the status. If the bus is delayed in the afternoon, students are to go inside school office and have school staff call Dispatch. Parents should receive notification via telephone message if a bus is delayed more than 20 minutes.
- Parents will be notified via telephone message or instructed by a bus supervisor at the regular pick-up/drop-off location if the pick-up or drop-off location has been relocated due to road closure or flooding.
- Students should not walk through deep or rapidly flowing water or mud and follow instructions provided by school staff or the bus driver.
- Students should stay away from flood channels and flowing rivers while en route to school bus stop.
- Students are to report any unusual circumstances while en route to bus stop to the driver.
- Students are to be very cautious while crossing streets en route to bus stop.
- Students are not to touch any downed power lines or trees.

Driving Tips for El Nino and Inclement Weather

- Do a Pre-Trip Inspection by checking windshield wiper blades to make sure they are in good condition. Check defrosting and heating equipment. Make sure headlights are on and working.
- Adjust speed to traffic conditions and slow down.
- Increase your following distance to 12-15 eye lead time and even more in poor weather conditions.
- Make sure other drivers and pedestrian are able to see you.
- If roads are closed or obstructed, school bus drivers will stop and relocate to a safe area and contact Dispatch for alternate route suggestions.
- When weather (heavy rain, fog, mist, etc.) reduces visibility to less than 200 feet or to a point where it is determined unsafe to continue, stop driving until visibility has improved. Make sure the vehicle is in safe location and completely off the main traveled portion of the roadway. Secure vehicle and turn off all exterior lights.
- Never drive through moving flood waters.
- Take your foot off the accelerator and steer in a safe direction if hydroplaning.
- Ensure you have a proper space cushion to prevent accidents.
- Get the BIG picture – Be aware of what’s happening around you.
- Keep your eyes moving.

