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TO: PARENTS AND STUDENTS
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During the 2017-2018 school year, the following procedures will be used in the Golden Valley Unified School District on extremely foggy days:-

A decision will be made no later than 6:00 a.m. as to whether or not the departure time of buses must be delayed.

1. If departure times of school buses must be delayed, an announcement will be made on **KMPH Fox 26, Channels 24, 30, 47 and KMJ 580 Radio** starting no later than **6:15 a.m.** There will be continuous broadcasting on these channels.
2. If buses within Golden Valley Unified School District need to be delayed due to extreme foggy conditions, the following delays will be posted: **one hour delay, two hour delay, three hour delay, four hour delay, etc.**
3. Remember that the broadcast can be updated throughout the morning!! Please stay tuned to the broadcast during the morning hours.
4. All classes in the district will operate as per their regular schedule. Foggy day instructions apply only to bus transportation schedules and riders.

Students who walk or have their own transportation to school should arrive at the regular time. However, parents are advised to exercise discretion relative to particular conditions in and around their respective school attendance areas.

Unless an additional announcement is made, afternoon bus runs and athletic runs will operate on a regular schedule.

Please realize that foggy days are called on a District-wide basis, and due to the size of the District, 85 square miles, not all areas in the Golden Valley Unified School District have the same fog density. Therefore, while it may or may not be foggy in a particular area, the decision to delay schools is made in the best interests of the students District-wide.

We request that you do not call the schools, the District Office, or the Transportation Department on foggy days. It is important that these telephone lines be kept open for bus driver reports and other emergency calls.

Hopefully, the above procedures will not have to be implemented during the upcoming foggy season. If a foggy day schedule must be called, your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

1. Students will not be given an unexcused tardy until after all buses have arrived.
2. Each school site will create a "Foggy Day Bell Schedule," so that bus riders will not miss out on classroom instruction.



Golden Valley Unified School School Bus Rules

GVUSD is pleased to provide our students with bus transportation. Every bus rider must accept certain responsibilities with regard to their conduct on or near the school bus. Misconduct distracts the driver, which can jeopardize the safety of all passengers. **The student's conduct on the school bus should be no different than what is expect in the classroom. If it is not allowed in the classroom, it is not allowed on the school bus. Destructive/Distractive behavior on the school bus will not be tolerated.**

REMEMBER IT IS A PRILIVEGE TO RIDE THE SCHOOL BUS

1. Fighting (physical contract) / fighting (verbal altercation) is prohibited.
2. Threatening behavior and/or harassment of any kind is prohibited.
3. Weapons, smoking, laser pens, drugs, or alcohol is forbidden on or near a school bus.
4. Cross the street in front of the bus and only under the supervision of your bus driver.
5. Follow the instructions of your bus driver at all times.
6. Students are to remain seated and facing the front while the bus is in motion.
7. Keep your arms and head inside the bus at all times.
8. Profanity, indecent language, or obscene gestures is prohibited.
9. Any property defaced or destroyed on the school bus will be paid for by the student and/or parent/guardian.
10. Eating, drinking, and chewing gum are prohibited.
11. Spitting or throwing objects on the bus or out the window is prohibited.
12. Loud or boisterous noises, singing or whistling will not be permitted.
13. Glass objects, inflated balloons, cleats, radios, roller blades, skateboards will not permitted.
14. Animals or insects (dead or alive) are not allowed on the bus.

Depending on the severity of the misconduct, the consequence administered may result in suspension or even permanent removal from the bus.