



Dear LEARN Families,

Magnet school transportation can be confusing – especially once we start dealing with winter weather! We want to make sure you are familiar with our winter weather transportation practices.

The following explains LEARN’s practices for transportation when schools are delayed or are closed due to weather or other emergencies. As a guiding principle, LEARN magnet schools typically follow the town in which they are located for decisions around delays, early releases, or closures due to weather. However, even if a LEARN magnet school is open, transportation may still be impacted.

STUDENTS WHO RIDE LEARN HUB BUSES:

Students using “LEARN Hub Bus” transportation need to attend to both the LEARN delay/closing of an individual school as well as the delay/closing of the towns where their hub bus picks up and drops off students (which may be different than the district where a student resides).

- If a town on your hub bus route is delayed, the entire bus will be delayed by 2 hours. If a town on your hub bus route is dismissing early, the entire bus will dismiss early.
- If the town where you catch the hub bus is closed, the hub bus will not transport to your stop.
- If your hub bus is delayed, dismissing early, or cancelled but the magnet school is open as normal, you may elect to drive your students to/from school.
- A list of towns served by each hub bus is included below.

Location of LEARN Hub Bus Stops

LEARN Bus 1	LEARN Bus 2	LEARN Bus 3
Norwich Montville North Stonington	Norwich Montville Waterford	Norwich North Stonington Waterford

STUDENTS WHO RIDE TOWN-PROVIDED BUSES:

Town-provided bus transportation follows the town you live in.

- If your town is delayed, your bus will be delayed according to the town's delay. If your town is dismissing early, your bus will pick your student up early according to your town's early dismissal.
- If your town is closed, you will not have a bus provided.
- If your town is delayed, dismissing early, or cancelled but the magnet school is open as normal, you may choose to drive your student to/from school.

TRANSPORTATION EXAMPLES:

The following are some possible scenarios that may help you in understanding the transportation procedures.

- **If the LEARN school is delayed, transportation will also be delayed, even if the district where the bus stop is located is on a regular time schedule.**

Example: If MSMHS is delayed but Waterford schools are open on time, transportation will pick up 2 hours later than usual due to the delay.

- **If the LEARN school is open but the district in which the bus stop is located is closed due to weather conditions, the bus will not make stops in that district. However, parents may provide their own transportation.**

Example: If Norwich schools are closed but RMMS is open, students who are typically picked up at a Norwich hub stop will not have transportation on that day.

- **If the LEARN school is delayed but the district in which the bus stop is located is closed due to weather conditions, the bus will not make stops in that district.**

Example: If Norwich is closed but RMMS is delayed 2 hours, there will not be transportation for Norwich students. However, parents may provide their own transportation.

- **If one or more school districts on a LEARN hub bus route are delayed or are dismissing early due to weather conditions, that entire hub bus will be delayed or will dismiss early - even if the magnet school is not delayed or closing early.**

Example: If Norwich has a delay or closes early but RMMS does not, all students on buses that go to Norwich would follow the delay or the early dismissal time. Norwich families could elect to drive their student in on time or pick up at normal dismissal time.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please reach out to your school before the first snowfall!