

Weather Policy

Usually, if the busses to Hay Lakes School are not running, Hay Lakes ECS will not operate that day for the safety of students and parents who may drive their child to school. There are "snow days" allowed for in the kindergarten schedule. If more than the allowed for snow days occur during the school year, kindergarten days will be rescheduled.

The bus drivers and the Hay Lakes School principal, in consultation with one another, make the decision that busses will not run due to weather conditions. An automatic message is then made by the Battle River School Division to each household. The Hay Lakes School homepage will also list if some or any of the Hay Lakes busses are not running. The Battle River School Division website has an up to date listing of all busses in the school division that are running/not running.

The teacher will then phone the president to let them know about the bussing situation and together they will make a decision to have a snow day or not, if possible prior to 7:00 a.m., to allow time for a Remind App message to be sent by the teacher to parents to ensure all kindergarten parents are aware that, although the school may be open, kindergarten will not be operating.

Is there a specific "cold temperature" at which the school busses do not run? No, there is no set temperature at which the busses do not run. The Hay Lakes School policy is generally that either a temperature of -40°C or a combined temperature with wind causing a wind chill of -40 the busses will not run. Poor road conditions and adverse weather conditions may also play a factor.