1. If the school district where I live is closed (Cranston), but one or more of the other districts represented on my child’s bus are open (let’s assume these other districts are Johnston and North Providence), and the district where my child’s school is located is open (East Providence), will my child have transportation to school?

Your child will not have transportation. However, if there are students from Johnston and North Providence on the bus going to the school in East Providence, both Johnston and North Providence will have bus service to East Providence as long as Johnston, North Providence and East Providence are all open.

2. Why won’t I have transportation if my school of attendance is open but the district the school is located in is closed?

We have to follow the safest guidelines possible. If the public district your school is located in announces that it is closed, we have to consider it unsafe to send a bus into a district that has determined its roads are not safe for travel.

3. Will my bus be delayed if another district whose students are on the same bus, or the district in which my child’s school is located is delayed, but the district I live in isn’t?

Yes. Using the same districts as appear in question #1 above, if there are students from Cranston, Johnston, and North Providence on a bus that is going to a school located in East Providence, the bus will run on a delayed schedule if any of one of those four districts are delayed.

4. Why does my child have to be delayed if the district in which I live isn’t delayed?

Because multiple districts may be on one bus, we have to follow the guidelines that will result in the safest transportation for all students. This is also the same rational used for early dismissals; therefore we must also follow the earliest dismissal time of the districts represented on your route.

5. What if my school calls for an emergency early release (for example, a water main burst or the loss of heat on a winter day)?

In an emergency situation, buses will be sent to the school as quickly as possible. The school your child attends will follow their normal procedures for notifying families in the event of an early release.