



Severe Weather Policy

for schools within walking distance to the ACPA

Bus transportation is provided within the ASD boundaries for schools with at least 60 students attending the same performance, with the exception of schools within walking distance to the theater. These “walker” schools include Central Middle School, Chugach Optional, Denali Elementary, and Winterberry Charter School. Alaska Junior Theater (AJT) can supply buses for these schools ONLY in severe weather conditions. In circumstances of severe weather, last-minute bus orders will be accommodated based upon bus availability at Forsythe Transportation.

A “severe weather condition” will be determined by each individual teacher on the day of a scheduled performance. On that day, there needs to be a phone conversation between the teacher and an AJT staff member prior to 8:30 in the morning about a need for a bus. Prior to 8:30 AM, a staff member will be present at the AJT office to receive phone calls; however, after 8:30 AM staff will be at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts preparing for the day’s shows and unable to make changes in bus schedules.

After the teacher communicates the need for a bus, the AJT staff member will contact Forsythe Transportation to check bus availability. The AJT staff member will then contact the teacher with Forsythe Transportation’s response. Forsythe Transportation understands that weather is sometimes a factor for our walking schools and will do everything possible to accommodate a class in a severe-weather situation on last-minute notice. However, Forsythe Transportation will not always have the bus availability. If the teacher determines that walking to the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts is not a possibility because of weather, AND Forsythe Transportation has determined they do not have bus availability to assist, Alaska Junior Theater will then reimburse that teacher all monies paid for the missed show.