

Winter Weather Event Procedures Hall County Schools

This is the standing procedure for actions to take in case of prolonged extreme low temperatures (20°s) - *Whether you get a message or not.*

1. Crank buses and allow idling for at least 30 minutes each time. Make sure this is completed the day before we go back to school, and notify the mechanics if the bus will not crank. The bus must run for at least 30 minutes to "charge" the batteries back to a satisfactory level.
2. Do not pump the brakes all the Way down. If when you crank the bus on a cold morning and the pressure stops building at 30 psi, *THEN* you can pump them all the way down and attempt to let the air pressure build again.
3. Drain your air tanks in the afternoon after your route. Air tanks are located on the driver side of the bus, just behind the battery box. On the bottom of the air tank there should be two to three valves. Turn the valve to open it. Air and oily water will spit out of the valve. Leave valve open until all liquid is out. Make sure you close all the valves.
4. Plug your bus in using an extension cord. You can get an extension cord from Mike in the office, but it will need to be turned in at the end of the year.
5. The first morning back to school after an extended cold temperature period will require you to crank your bus at 5:00 am. This will give you enough time to try to crank the bus and notify mechanics if it will not crank. If it will not crank, don't hesitate, go ahead and call us to get a mechanic on the way.