



**SECTION 2000 - SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL CLOSING AND CANCELLATIONS**

In the event of adverse weather conditions, the Superintendent and Manager of Transportation will determine the course of action required.

Extreme Cold Days – Bus Transportation Cancelled, Staff Report to School

In the event of extreme cold weather, bus transportation shall be cancelled at a temperature of -40°C or a combined temperature and wind chill of -45°C or greater as of 6:00 a.m. on The Weather Network (Selkirk)

In the case of extreme cold where busses do not run and where staff are required to report to work, parents/guardians will have the option of transporting their child(ren) to school and picking them up at the end of the school day. In cases where parents/guardians choose to keep their child(ren) home on an extreme cold day, students will not be penalized for absenteeism. Parents/guardians shall inform the school if their child(ren) will not be attending.

Extreme Weather/Environmental Conditions – Schools Closed

In the event of extreme weather/environmental conditions, schools shall be closed and staff shall not be expected to report to work.

If schools are closed, all division-sponsored activities including Continuing Education, Lord Selkirk Education Centre, Lord Selkirk Adult Learning Program, swimming classes, and extra-curricular activities for that day and evening shall be cancelled.

Cancellation Procedures

Between 5:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. on a potential storm day closure, the Manager of Transportation will:

1. Check the weather on The Weather Network (Selkirk);
2. Contact neighbouring school divisions;
3. Check back road and highway conditions.

After the information is gathered, the decision to keep schools open but not run bus transportation, or to close schools, shall be made by the Superintendent. This decision must be made by 6:45 a.m.

Once the course of action is determined, Senior Administration shall activate the School Messenger System to advise all parents/guardians, staff, and the Board of Trustees.

Announcements shall be made on radio stations and posted on the Division website.

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Adverse Weather Conditions During the School Day

In the event of adverse weather conditions arising during the school day, if it is determined that the conditions are making it unsafe to operate bus transportation, parents/guardians shall be notified as soon as possible.

School shall remain open and parents/guardians shall make arrangements to pick up their child(ren) by the end of the regular school day.

Walter Whyte School Catchment Area

The Board recognizes that on any given day, weather conditions can vary within different regions of the Division, particularly in the Walter Whyte School catchment area.

In the event of adverse weather, based on local information, the principal, in consultation with the Superintendent and Manager of Transportation, will determine how to proceed. In the event of school closure, the School Messenger System will be activated to advise parents/guardians and staff of the decision to close the school.

Announcements will be made on radio stations and posted on the Division website.

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