



Policy

Schools will ensure the safety of students and staff in winter weather.

Procedures

1. In consultation with the Superintendent, schools may be closed because of extraordinary cold or inclement weather.
2. On days when student attendance is reduced substantially because of weather conditions or because travel is considered treacherous, regular scheduled instruction may be modified for those students who attend school.
3. Follow the practices of the public-school districts that provide bus services.
4. Individual bus runs may be cancelled for the day (morning and afternoon runs) because of dangerous road conditions. Cancellations will be announced on local radio and shared on school media platforms as soon as possible after the decision to cancel a run is made.
5. The decision to keep a student at home for the day because of winter weather conditions shall be made by the parents.
6. Students shall not be expected to wait for a school bus for more than fifteen minutes past the scheduled pick-up time. If the bus has not arrived by that time, students should return to their homes or to another prearranged place of shelter.
7. Parents will be informed of these regulations annually via school newsletters in the fall and periodically throughout the winter months.

Administrative Procedures:

1. On days when student attendance is reduced because of weather conditions, schools should consider the following options:
 - 1.1. Regular instruction
 - 1.2. Modified instruction
 - 1.3. Review sessions
 - 1.4. Work completion sessions
 - 1.5. Individual or small group instruction
 - 1.6. Special research projects
 - 1.7. Directed study sessions
 - 1.8. Multi-age grouping for instruction
 - 1.9. Student tutorials
 - 1.10. Supervised study and/or activity sessions
 - 1.11. Some combination of the above
2. In advance of the cold weather months, schools should clearly communicate to parents what educational alternatives the school will offer in the event of low attendance caused by excessively cold weather.

References:	Date: August 2023
	Revisions