

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In determining whether classes will be cancelled, the Transportation Coordinator and the Superintendent/CEO will check weather conditions throughout the division, as well as with the Highways Department to determine the severity of the weather and road conditions. When a decision is made to cancel classes, an announcement will be made over radio stations CJRB 1220 AM, CKLQ 880 AM, KIX 101.1 FM, KX 96.1 FM, CBC 990 AM, CJOB 68 AM, and STAR 94.7 FM and updates will be posted on the Division website. When buses are cancelled, classes are cancelled. When buses and classes are cancelled, all extra-curricular activities involving transportation of students will be evaluated by the Principal in consultation with the Superintendent/CEO and the Transportation Coordinator. The Superintendent/CEO will have the final approval. If the trip is approved, students will be transported by a division school bus.

If, at 6:20 a.m. the temperature, including the windchill factor, reaches  $-45^{\circ}$  Celsius, classes will be cancelled. We encourage parents/legal guardians and students to listen to the radio stations noted above and to view the Turtle Mountain School Division's website ([www.tmsd.mb.ca](http://www.tmsd.mb.ca)) beginning at 6:45 a.m. to check for cancellations.

There may arise situations where classes have not been cancelled and a bus driver on a route feels that his/her route is not safe to drive. In situations like this, the bus driver has authority to cancel bus pick up on his route. He/she is required to inform the students on that route.

However, if the buses are running, the final decision as to whether a child goes to school or not is up to the parent/legal guardian. If, in the parent's/legal guardian's opinion, it is not safe to travel, then they may keep the child home. In this case, we would ask the parent/legal guardians to call the bus driver. If a student is kept home during inclement weather, they will not be penalized for missing school or examinations. However, we would ask that the parent/legal guardian contact the school to report the absence.

A. CANCELLATION OF CLASSES/BUSES BEFORE SCHOOL

Specific Procedures:

1. The Transportation Coordinator and bus drivers from various locations will be in contact with each other between 6:00 a.m. and 6:15 a.m. During this time, these designated persons will check weather/road conditions by visual inspection and will contact Environment Canada and the Highways Department.
2. By 6:20 a.m., the Transportation Coordinator will contact the Superintendent/CEO with a recommendation based on information received and observations of the Transportation Coordinator. Considerations will include:
  - a) road conditions
  - b) visibility
  - c) Temperature, including wind chill factor, reaching  $-45^{\circ}$  Celsius
3. At 6:45 a.m., the Transportation Coordinator will contact the appropriate radio stations if classes/buses are cancelled and the Superintendent/CEO will update the Division website.

B. CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL BUSES WHILE CLASSES ARE IN SESSION:

Specific Procedures:

1. In the event that school buses must be cancelled while classes are in session, specific Procedures 1-5 in Cancellation of Classes/Buses before school will be followed with the exception of the time guideline.
2. If school buses are cancelled while classes are in session school administrators shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. School Administrators must establish a contingency plan to ensure that the students reach their destinations and/or storm stations safely.
4. Any students leaving the school after buses have been cancelled must first notify the administration of the school.

Additional Information:

1. Buses will not be sent out early. This is to avoid delivering students home unexpectedly.
2. Parents/Legal Guardians of transported students shall designate a storm station on the student's information sheet in September of each year. The parents/legal guardians must receive prior approval from the designated storm station.
3. School buses do not necessarily have to be cancelled throughout the Division. If a localized storm occurs, school buses within the affected area may be cancelled.

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