



Winter Weather and Child Safety Memo

Administrative Procedure 8.23A

There are many days when regular school activities change because of severe winter weather. These changes are to ensure student safety.

1. **Indoor Recess:**

- School recess is held indoors when the temperature or wind chill reaches or drops below -27°C .
- EY and MY Principals will use their discretion in deciding on indoor recess for temperatures up to and including -27°C .

2. **Bus Transportation:**

- *Individual bus routes* may be cancelled due to unsafe conditions on the route. Parents will be notified via our automated calling service.
- *All school bus transportation* is cancelled under the following conditions:
 - when the temperature reaches -40°C (cancellation *may* be considered if it has been at -37°C or colder for several days);
and/or
 - wind chill reaches or exceeds -45°C at 6:30 a.m. (as per Environment Canada, Gimli website) that day.
- **When all school bus transportation is cancelled, schools are closed.**

3. **How will I know if buses are cancelled or schools are closed?**

- If buses are going to be cancelled or schools closed, you will receive an automated phone call and/or a text message (if you signed up for such).
- Information will also be posted on:
 - the Evergreen School Division website (www.esd.ca);
 - on your child's school website; and
 - twitter.com/evergreen_sd.
- Many TV and radio media will also announce closures.
- Please send your child to school with warm clothes to wear.
- If you have any doubts about your child's safety getting to and from school, please keep them at home.