

School Closings/Cancellations

Weather Related

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 Days

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, swim classes, and extra-curricular activities for that day/evening shall be cancelled.



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Cancellation Procedures

1. The Manager of Transportation and the Superintendent will be in contact with each other between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m. The Superintendent will make the final decision regarding cancelling buses/classes by **6:45 a.m.**

2. The Division Office will activate the automated phone messaging system. The phone messaging system will contact **all** staff and student households.

3. Announcements shall be made on radio stations and posted on the division website- www.lssd.ca



What Goes Into the Decision?

- Temperature
- Visibility
- Windchill
- Road conditions
- Forecast
- Amount of precipitation
- Weather patterns

EXTREME COLD DAYS

All staff report to work.

Bus Transportation cancelled but schools remain **open**.

Parents/Guardians may choose to keep their child(ren) home or transport them to school. (Students **will not** be marked absent.)

EXTREME WEATHER DAYS

All schools shall be closed to **all** students and staff.

All division sponsored and extra-curricular activities that day/evening shall be cancelled.



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.

FAQ's

Where is the windchill temperature read from?

The Weather Network – Selkirk reading is used to determine the temperature.

Why a windchill of -45C?

This is in the range of dangerous conditions for transporting students.