



Weather Policies

I. COLD WEATHER POLICY

In the event that the temperature falls below -25°C with the wind chill factor according to Environment Canada, students will be kept inside for recess and before- and after-school supervision.

As long as the temperature with the wind chill factor remains at -20°C or above according to Environment Canada, students will remain outside for recess and before- and after-school supervision.

Due to localized variances in wind speed, the supervisor on duty may make a discretionary choice when the temperature with wind chill according to Environment Canada is in the -21°C to -25°C range.

Field trips (e.g. Winter Fun Day, ski trips) may be exempt from cold weather restrictions at the discretion of the school administration.

II. SCHOOL CLOSURE POLICY

Sudbury Christian Academy (SCA) is a private school operating in the same region as the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB), but is completely independent from RDSB. SCA does not offer school bus transportation to its students, and does not necessarily comply with RDSB policies in regards to inclement weather. Nevertheless, SCA will usually mirror RDSB actions in the event of inclement weather (e.g. icy roads, severe winter storms) in the following ways:

- If RDSB cancels buses due to road conditions but keeps schools open, then SCA will remain open, but will strongly advise all parents/guardians to remain home and off the roads. Student safety is our top priority. All tests and assignments scheduled for that day will be postponed, and there will be no academic penalties for student lateness or absence. (Note: Uniforms are still required for students who choose to attend, and teachers may assign supplemental work as needed for academic improvement or reinforcement.)
- If RDSB closes its schools due to severe weather – a very rare event – then SCA will also close for the day, and advise all parents/guardians, faculty, and staff accordingly. If RDSB closes schools midday, then SCA will contact parents/guardians to pick up their children as soon as possible so staff may be dismissed before weather conditions worsen.
- a. **EXCEPTIONS:** In most cases, parents/guardians and staff may expect these general rules to hold true. In certain cases, however, the principal may deviate from these guidelines, for reasons including, but not necessarily limited to, the following examples:
 - If the police have closed highway 69, 17, or 144 *due to dangerous road conditions*, then the administration of the school reserves the right to close the school for the day.
 - If the public school bus consortium cancels buses solely due to cold temperatures (and not due to road conditions caused by snow or ice), then classes will proceed as usual.
 - If the Glad Tidings Church facility loses power to its building for **one full hour**, the administration of the school will close the school for the remainder of the day for security reasons, as our security systems will not last on backup power for much more than an hour.

- b. **FACULTY & STAFF:** In the event that the administration decides to close the school for the day due to the aforementioned weather policies, all staff already present will remain on the premises to supervise the students assigned to their care until all students have been picked up by an authorized parent/guardian. Faculty and staff may not authorize a school closure, and may not leave the property without the principal's prior knowledge and consent. Failure to show up to, or remain at, work will be counted as a sick day, unless otherwise directed by the school administration in accordance with weather policies.