



Weather Policies

I. COLD WEATHER POLICY

In the event that the temperature reaches -25°C or colder with the wind chill factor according to our onsite meteorological equipment, students will be kept inside for recess and before- and after-school supervision. Field trips (e.g. Winter Fun Day, ski trips) shall 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 but keeps schools open, then SCA will remain open, but will strongly advise all parents/guardians to stay off the roads. Student safety is our top priority. All tests and assignments will be postponed, and there will be no academic penalties for student lateness or absence.
 - If RDSB closes its schools due to weather - a very rare event - then SCA will also close for the day, and advise all parents/guardians, faculty, and staff to stay off the roads. If RDSB closes schools midday, then SCA will contact parents/guardians to pick up their children as soon as possible.
- a. **EXCEPTIONS:** In most cases, parents/guardians and staff may expect these general rules to hold true. In rare exceptions, however, the principal is authorized to cancel classes, 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 Glad Tidings Church facility loses power to its building for **one hour**, the administration of the school will close the school for the remainder of the day for security reasons, as the security system 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.