

WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES

Extreme Hazardous Weather

Schools will close when weather and road conditions in the Hanover School Division are such that it is not advisable to transport students via school buses. If weather worsens after the school day has started, creating unsafe driving conditions that necessitate cancelling bus service for return trip home, students will be held in school until other arrangements can be made. Buses will not be sent out early.

Extreme Cold Weather

Schools will be closed for cold weather reasons when it's too cold for students to be exposed to the elements for even a short period of time.

Schools will close for cold weather reasons when the temperatures are:

-35 degrees celsius or colder with a windchill of -45 degrees celsius or colder.
(*Environment Canada Kleefeld weather station – 6:00 a.m. data*)

Consideration to close schools may also be given if either the temperature or the wind chill significantly surpasses these levels, or there are other extenuating circumstances as determined by the Superintendent and Director of Transportation.

In rare cases when Hanover School Division cancels classes due to weather and/or road conditions, families are now notified by an automatic phone call system unless you have requested to **NOT** receive that phone call. School closure information, as well as bus delays, are posted on the HSD website (www.hsd.ca).

In addition, there are **radio announcements**. It is [VERY IMPORTANT](#) that parents check for school closures. Due to a change in division policy in consideration of unions and workplace safety, there will **NO LONGER BE ANYONE AT THE SCHOOLS ON SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS**. There will **NOT** be a sign outside the school to let you know that schools are closed. If students arrive at the school on a school closure day, **there will be no way for them to contact parents**. Please ensure that you do not send your child to school on a school closure day.

Parent Choice

During extreme weather, when schools are kept open according to policy, parents may use their discretion in choosing to keep children at home – if they feel their child's safety is compromised in any way. Parents choosing to keep children at home due to weather safety concerns, should inform the school on such days.

Parent Notification

In the case of school closure or the cancellation of bus service throughout HSD, parents will receive a phone message from the division's information call system, as well as, several announcements will be made between 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM on a variety of local and provincial media outlets, including: AM 1250, Mix 96.7, SteinbachOnline.com, and CJOB. Information on school bus delays, urban bus routes and school closures will be posted on the divisional website at HSD.ca

Facility Rentals

When all schools in the division are closed, evening rentals of our school facilities will also be cancelled. The only exception to this will be for a major event, which has been planned and advertised extensively for a long period of time before this date, and which cannot be cancelled on short notice or rescheduled without major inconvenience and cost.