

# Inclement Weather

Schools shall remain open and receive students transported to school on days when school bus services are suspended due to inclement weather.

Parents/guardians who drive their children to school on such days are responsible for picking them up at the end of the school day. The final decision to send a child to the bus stop or school rests with the parents/guardians, even though buses and schools may be operational.

## Policy 320: Inclement Weather

The Board believes that the responsibility for the safety of school bus passengers during periods of inclement weather or hazardous road conditions is shared by the Board, its staff, school bus operators and parents/guardians.

Announcements regarding the suspension of transportation services are made over local radio stations (e.g. CFCW, CHED, CBC and CISN), local television news stations (e.g. Global and CityTV) and the Sturgeon Public Schools website and social media accounts.

**School bus service may be suspended at minus forty (40) degrees Celsius, as determined by the Weather Network at Bon Accord, AB.**

We always watch the temperature closely and review road and weather conditions. The -40°C does not include wind chill.

Buses may bring students home early without prior notification if road conditions warrant. **Please arrange a safe place for your child to go** if this happens and if someone is not typically at home.

Student absences on days when school buses do not operate, whether as the result of bus failure, a decision of a contractor not to operate, or suspension of transportation services by the Superintendent, shall be deemed excusable. On these days, teachers shall refrain from conducting examinations nor introducing new material in their courses.

**Our school is always open to receiving students.**

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## Hot Weather:

When outdoor temperatures exceeds **thirty** degrees celsius, outdoor activities will be closely monitored and *may* be altered, postponed, or cancelled. When the humidex reaches **forty-five**, all outdoor activities will be cancelled.

## Air Quality:

When the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) value reaches **7 or higher**, as reported by Environment Canada for the region closest to Ochre Park School, all strenuous outdoor activities shall be cancelled. When the AQHI value reaches **9 or 10**, all outdoor activities shall be cancelled and windows closed.

## Reference

<https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/board/procedures/4609>