



INCLEMENT WEATHER

Lakeshore School Division

School Closures

1. The Director of Operations and Infrastructure and the Superintendent/CEO will be in contact with each other between 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. The Superintendent/CEO will make the final decision regarding cancelling **buses/classes by 6:30 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. The Division Office will post information on the website **www.lakeshoresd.mb.ca**, and **Facebook**

Decision Factors

Closing schools is a difficult decision. The following factors are considered:

- Temperature
- Visibility
- Windchill
- Road conditions
- Forecast
- Amount of precipitation
- Longevity of weather pattern



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Responsibilities

Division

The Superintendent/CEO will decide if buses are cancelled and schools are closed. When **buses are cancelled** for safety reasons, **the schools will be closed** as well. The Division never keeps schools open when buses have been cancelled because 70% of our students are transported by bus.

Bus Drivers

Individual bus drivers have the right and responsibility not to drive if they determine that it is too hazardous to drive on their roads. Drivers must contact all parents/guardians and the Director of Operations and Infrastructure when they make the decision not to drive their route.

Principals

The principal must ensure that someone is at the school to receive students or staff that may not be aware of a full closure.

Ensure that all students have a current storm billet.

Staff

When **schools are closed**, staff are not expected to physically report to school but are expected to work from home.

Parents/Guardians

When **schools are closed**, your student must not attend. If a student is kept home during inclement weather, when the school remains open, they will not be penalized for missing school or assessments. Parents/guardians must ensure the school has a current storm billet for their child.

Why close?

If at 6:00 a.m. the temperature, as read from The Weather Network reaches –40C or the windchill reaches –45C, **buses/classes** will be cancelled.

Other factors such as visibility and road conditions may also warrant the closure of schools.

When there is a closure of their place of work, employees are not required to attend in-person. Employees must contact their supervisor for direction and assignments.

Students will not be sent home early on days of inclement weather except by specific instructions of the Superintendent/CEO.

FAQ

Where is the windchill temperature read from?

The Weather Network local reading is used to determine the temperature.

Why a windchill of –45C?

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

As an employee, do I have to go to work when I hear that schools are closed?

In all cases, please contact your supervisor. There may be inaccurate information that has been transmitted on the radio or through social media.

Lakeshore or Interlake?

Our school division is **Lakeshore**.