



POLICY:	A: 02
EFFECTIVE:	Sept 22, 1998
AMENDED:	Oct 24, 2000, Oct 23, 2007
RELATED POLICIES:	A: 20, Pr A: 02
REPEALS:	
REVIEW DATE:	2010-2011

1.0 Objective

- 1.1 To protect staff and students where inclement weather may affect health and safety.

2.0 Guiding Principles

- 2.1 Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors. However, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, indoor lunch periods and pre-entry and post-dismissal periods inside the school be considered necessary for student and staff safety.
- 2.2 The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board expects that each school shall be in session and that each employee shall be in attendance at his/her duties each school day.
- 2.3 The Board shall close schools when it is apparent that inclement weather conditions might affect the safety of pupils and staff.
- 2.4 The Board shall cancel the transportation of students when it is considered to be unsafe.

3.0 Specific Directives

- 3.1 The Board policy shall apply:
 - a) to all elementary and secondary schools, school based childcare centers, the Catholic Education Centre, and any other Board facilities;
 - b) when an unusual amount of snow and/or other weather emergency is imminent;
 - c) to the entire region of the City of Windsor/County of Essex, but may periodically affect only one or more of the municipalities within the Region, depending upon prevailing weather conditions.
- 3.2 The Director of Education or his/her delegate shall develop procedures to support the objective of this policy.

4.0 Responsibility for Implementation

- 4.1 The Director of Education, Superintendents, Principals, the Communications Coordinator, and the Windsor & Essex County Student Transportation Services Department, shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy.

5.0 Review and Evaluation

- 5.1 The policy shall be reviewed during the 2010 – 2011 policy review cycle.

6.0 References

- 6.1 Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2, section 19
Board Policy A: 20 Transportation of Students
Board Procedure Pr A: 02 Inclement Weather – Emergency School Closures
Windsor & Essex County Student Transportation Services, Transportation Procedures
Windsor & Essex County Student Transportation Services, Inclement Weather Procedures