

COLD/HAZARDOUS WEATHER GUIDELINES

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Extreme Hazardous Weather

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

Extreme Cold Weather

A partial closure of schools will be in effect when the recorded temperature at the Environment Canada Kleefeld Weather Station at 6:00 a.m. indicates -35° degrees Celsius or colder, OR a windchill of -45° degrees Celsius or colder. All schools will be closed to students but remain open to staff and visitors.

Notification of Weather-Related Closures

Parents/Caregivers will receive an automated phone message between 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. A closure notice will also be sent by email, posted on www.HSD.ca, X @HanoverSD, and school websites.

If concerned about child safety during periods of extreme weather, parents/caregivers may choose (at their discretion) to keep their children at home. Those choosing to exercise this option should inform the school on that day as per regular absence procedures.

INDOOR RECESS

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise, and outside activities/play affords students an opportunity for movement and socialization. However, inclement weather conditions sometimes warrant students to remain indoors during recess/lunch for safety reasons. The decision to limit students' outdoor exposure is at the school principal's discretion and will be based on local weather conditions, including wind direction and outdoor shelter protection.

A shortened outdoor recess period may be considered when the temperature or wind chill is between -25° and -29° Celcius. A temperature or wind chill of -30° Celcius or colder may necessitate moving the recess indoors.

WINTER CLOTHING

Parents/Caregivers can help our students be prepared for their walk to school and recess activities by dressing them in layers and ensuring their child has a toque, mitts and warm winter boots. Warm winter clothing is essential in Manitoba, and facial protection is recommended. Including an extra pair of socks and mittens in your child's backpack will ensure they have dry replacements if needed.

BUS DELAY BULLETINS

The HSD Transportation Department will post delay bulletins for buses running more than 10 minutes late. Access bus delay bulletins by scanning the QR code below or by visiting HSD.ca.



hsd.ca/services/transportation

If you have any questions not addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.

