

Fort McMurray Catholic Schools Operating Policies and Procedures

OP 106 - School Closure Due to Inclement Weather

Policy

Fort McMurray Catholic Schools, unless otherwise directed, will stay open during periods of inclement weather.

Procedures:

1. The principal shall be responsible for establishing consistent procedures for handling students on days when the weather is inclement.
2. The principal shall ensure that the inclement weather procedure includes the following:
 - 2.1 Does not require the students to be outside during rainy and/or freezing weather. When the combined temperature and wind chill register below -20 degrees Celsius, the principal shall determine whether recess breaks and lunch hour will be held inside.
 - 2.2 Allows students to go outside if suitably clothed for the occasion and direct supervision is provided;
 - 2.3 Provides constructive activities for students when confined to the school and classroom;
 - 2.4 Does not deprive elementary students of a morning or afternoon recess nor reduce the lunch hour to an unreasonable time; and
 - 2.5 Allows students to enter school at least 30 minutes before the regular start time and/or upon arrival of the first bus load of students.
3. The principal shall advise parents that the final decision to send a child to school or the bus stop during inclement weather is the responsibility of the parents even though schools are open.

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