



# Severe Weather

## – Work with Your School for Student Safety –

Occasionally, severe weather conditions may require the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) to cancel transportation and/or close schools. This may occur before the beginning of the school day or, if conditions become severe, during the school day. To ensure the safety and welfare of students and staff during school hours, the TDSB's Severe Weather Procedure (PR519) will guide decisions and operations.

### Decision to Close Schools

The decision to close schools is made by the Director of Education. Should a cancellation or closure be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB website, shared through TDSB social media and provided to local media outlets by 6:00 a.m.



### School Closure or Bus Schedule Changes during the School Day

If weather conditions become extreme after students are in school, a decision to close schools and change transportation schedules will be made by 11:00am and broadcast by noon. In this case, elementary students will remain in the school until they are picked up by a parent or parent designate.

If there is no announcement about school closing by noon, schools will remain open for the day.

### Keep Your Child Safe

School staff will provide supervision for students whose parents or guardians have not been contacted or who have not previously indicated in writing their intentions during severe weather conditions. Students must remain inside the school until they have been picked up. Please be prepared to pick up your child or make arrangements for your child, if required, should schools close early or if bussing schedules change.



### Students - JK to Grade 5

Parents will be notified and suitable arrangements for the child's safety will be made.

### Students - Grades 6 to 12

Parents are required to designate in writing if the student is to be dismissed early or to remain at school to be picked up. This form is to be completed in September.

### Students - Over 18 Years of Age

Students over 18 may use their discretion on when to leave.

### Help Us Reach You

Parents are requested to keep the school up-to-date on any changes to their child's contact information so that emergency contacts are accurate at all times throughout the year.



### Contact Us

For questions or more information, please contact the school.