



Independent AB Authority	Footprints for Learning Society (Academy)
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## OVERVIEW

### **Subject: In-Person Learning Regulation Exemption**

School authorities have the ability to temporarily cancel in-school classes due to unforeseen emergent situations such as inclement weather, gas leaks, etc. Schools are required to maintain the minimum hours of instruction for their students as outlined in the [Guide to Education](#).

However, regardless of weather conditions, the school will have Administration at the facility if at all possible for emergency access.

When weather conditions are extreme and the safety of our students and staff may be at risk, the following conditions will serve as guidelines in deciding whether to suspend school operations for the day:

1. Wind-chill of approximately -40 C. (As determined by Environment Canada Weather Website - Airdrie)
2. Reports that roads are, or will soon be, impassable due to blowing snow and blizzard conditions.

FFLA will send information via email by approximately 6:30 am to parents/guardians regarding school closure.

### Significant Deterioration of Weather

The following conditions will be taken into consideration and may result in suspension of school operations during the day when the safety of students and staff may be at risk:

1. Wind-chill drops to approximately -45 C or lower with deteriorating driving conditions.
2. Blizzard conditions and blowing snow become significant.

In cases of significant deterioration of weather during the day, when the decision is made to suspend school operations early, parents/guardians will be contacted via email or phone and asked to collect their child/children early. If we are unable to contact a parent /guardian, we will contact their Emergency Contact Designate and those students will remain at the school with proper supervision until the Emergency Contact Designate arrives.

#### Bus Cancellation or Delays

The following conditions may result in suspension of operations of the afternoon buses:

1. In the case of significant deterioration during the day, which results in school closure, the afternoon buses will not operate.
2. When wind-chill is below -40 C at the time of dismissal, the afternoon buses will not operate.
3. In the case that the bus(es) are not operational due to mechanical difficulties or extreme weather conditions.
4. If the roads are deemed extremely icy and/or blowing snow and blizzard conditions exist, the afternoon buses will not operate.

When weather conditions are such that the afternoon buses will not operate, parents/guardians are responsible to arrive at the school at pick up time and follow the pick-up procedure for their children. Parents/Guardians will be notified via email or phone if this service is suspended for that day.

#### Guardian Responsibilities

- During inclement weather, the final decision of whether or not to send a child to school rests with parents/guardians if the school is operating.
- Parents/Guardians should ensure that students are dressed appropriately while traveling or walking to and from school during inclement weather.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible to check their email by 6:30 am. to receive notice of school closures.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to check the forecast in case there might be significant deterioration of weather during the day, which may result in school closure.