

Living Sky School Division No. 202

Administrative Procedure (AP) Manual



Procedure Name: Weather Related Recess Restrictions

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Background

During periods of time that our communities experience inclement weather or poor outdoor air quality, it may be necessary for the principal or designate to declare the necessity for an indoor recess period.

Scope

This procedure applies to all principals or designates who must implement procedures and protocols related to school operations during inclement and severe weather and/or times of poor outdoor air quality.

Definitions

Cold Weather Clubs are optional groups or clubs where participants dress appropriately for cold weather and are able to play outside at colder temperatures than normally prescribed by this AP.

Procedures

1. Temperature

- The principal or designate shall use -27°C including wind chill as a guideline temperature for which to announce an indoor recess period.
- Administrators will use the Environment Canada station closest to their location to determine the temperature outdoors.
 - Bodo station for schools in Luseland and Macklin
 - Kindersley station for schools in Kerrobert
 - North Battleford station for schools in The Battlefords, Cando, Hafford, and Maymont
 - Scott station for Hutterite colony schools and schools in Cut Knife, Unity, and Wilkie
 - Spiritwood station for schools in Leoville, Medstead, and Spiritwood
- Parents or guardians should ensure that children are suitably clothed to withstand weather extremes.
- Schools may run an optional cold weather club. Participating in this club would require parents to be informed and students to be suitably dressed.

2. Air Quality

- Air quality advisories are often caused by smoke from wildfires. Environment Canada may recommend reducing the levels of outdoor physical activity based on the Air Quality Health Index to decrease the inhalation of airborne pollutants as individuals may experience temporary irritation of eyes and throat and possibly shortness of breath.
- Principals shall make decisions related to outside activities including recess, physical education classes, field trips and outdoor learning based on the information available from the Air Quality



Index on the Environment Canada website. Indoor recess will occur when the health risk is categorized as Very High (10+).

3. Other

- a. The principal may determine an indoor recess is required based on other forms of inclement weather including but not limited to heavy precipitation, low visibility, high winds, or weather hazards.

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