



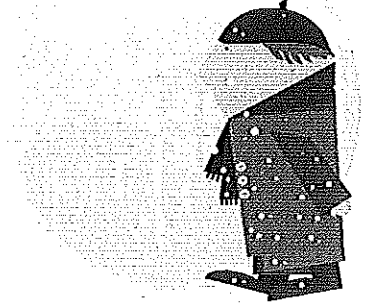
Severe Weather

– 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.



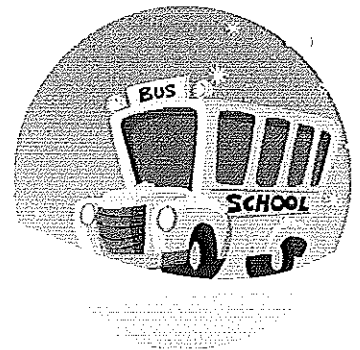
School Closure or Bus Schedule Changes during the School Day

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

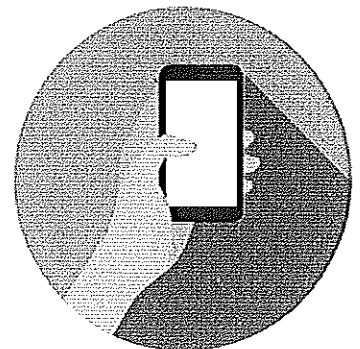
Parents are required to designate in writing if the student is to be dismissed early or to remain at school to be picked up. This form is to be completed in September.

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.



George R Gauld Junior School
416-394-7830

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The safety and welfare of students is a shared responsibility with parents and guardians. It is important for everyone to understand how the Board operates under unusual weather conditions. Please familiarize yourself with the following procedures and communication plan so together we can ensure the safety of the students entrusted in our care.

- **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 am.

AM Radio	FM Radio	TV	.COM
FAN 590 AM 640 680 News Toronto NewsTalk 1010 TSN 1050	KISS 92.5 CHFI 98.1 CBC 99.1 VIRGIN 99.9 102.1The Edge CHUM 104.5 Q107 Z103.5 BOOM 97.3 The Move 93.5	The Weather Network CP24 CTV CITY-TV GLOBAL TV	www.globaltv.com www.thestar.com www.cp24.com www.tdsb.on.ca

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- **Child Pick-up:** Please be prepared to pick up your child or make arrangements for your child, if required, should schools close early or if transportation schedules change. Staff will provide supervision for all students whose parents or guardians have not been contacted or who have not previously indicated in writing their intentions during severe weather

conditions. Students will remain inside the school until they have been picked up. The Principal or Vice-Principal will communicate to parents and remain at the school until all students have been picked up.

- **Arrangements for Students:**

- *For students in JK – Grade 5*, parents will be notified and suitable arrangements for the child’s safety will be made.
- *For students in Grade 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 (PR519A) is to be completed in September.
- Students over 18 may use their discretion when to leave.
- **The Principal’s Responsibility:** Principals will provide supervision for all students whose parents or guardians have not been contacted or who have not previously indicated in writing their intentions during severe weather conditions. Students will remain inside the school until they have been picked up.
- **Contacting Parents and Guardians:** Please ensure that your school has an emergency number where you, or a responsible adult to whom you are willing to entrust the care of your child, can be contacted.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions or comments you would wish to make, please telephone the school.

Bus Companies		
Stock	East	416-754-4949
	West	416-244-5341
	North	416-757-0565
First Student Canada	North York	416-444-7030
	Thornhill	905 764-6662
	Etobicoke	905-629-8200
	Markham	905-294-5104
	Ajax	905-683-2350
McCluskey		416-246-1422
Attridge		905-855-7771
Dignity		416-398-2222
Wheelchair Accessible		416-884-9898

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Weather Guidelines

Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors, however, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety.

Conditions warranting indoor recesses

- (a) Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold.
- (b) Cold weather: When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -28C or lower children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite.

When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -20 to -28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions. Children should be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite or difficulty breathing.

- (c) Humidity, Heat and Smog Alerts: The City of Toronto issues heat alerts and heat emergencies based on the daily forecast from May to September. Alerts are posted on the Web site www.toronto.ca/health or by calling (416) 338-7600. Staff and students should be vigilant about their level of activity and should take frequent breaks for water in order to remain adequately hydrated.

Other conditions:

Weather conditions change during the day. When necessary and if the weather is questionable, the school principal will consult the Environment Canada's www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca or Toronto Public Health Web sites for information.

Any staff member may voice weather concerns to the principal for consideration prior to the next scheduled recess.

During extreme weather conditions, parents and students may wait inside [insert appropriate school location here] up to 15 minutes prior to the entry or dismissal bells.