




Outdoor Activities During Inclement Weather

Administrative Regulation 128.1

1. Decisions regarding outdoor activities should take into consideration inclement weather may result from the following conditions or combination of conditions:
 - continuous rain,
 - extreme wind, and/or
 - extreme cold.

2. The suggested guideline is students do not go outside if the temperature is -20° C or colder, or if the temperature and wind chill factor are -20° C or colder.

3. Each school should have procedures in place to be used during inclement weather.
 - a. Please check the district web site www.ecsd.net home page for the current Environment Canada weather. You may also choose to phone Environment Canada at 468-4940 (English) or 495-2145 (French).
 - b. Devise a signal for informing students who arrive at school prior to the entry bell as to whether or not they may enter the school. For example, use of red, yellow, green signs.
 - c. Communicate to parents and students the exact times in the morning that school entry doors are unlocked. A suggested reasonable time is twenty minutes prior to the entry bell time.
 - d. Communicate to students that they are to re-enter the school at the end of the day if they miss their bus, a sibling forgets to meet the student, etc.
 - e. Consider the time variance between recess and noon hour i.e. 10 minutes outdoors at recess and up to 30 minutes at noon hour.
 - f. Develop a procedure for dealing with parental requests for students to remain inside for recess.
 - g. The school's inclement weather procedures should be included in the fall newsletters. Mention could be made of the importance of recess in terms of it being a vital time for socialization, exercise, the opportunity to eat a snack/drink a beverage, the refreshing effect, and so on. Families should be reminded that recesses will be indoors only during extreme weather conditions, so students should come to school dressed appropriately for outdoors.

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