

# **COLD WEATHER POLICY @ ÉCS**

## **KINDERGARTEN**

At the a.m./p.m. recesses when the weather is between -25 and -40 (with the wind chill), students will get bundled up and “run to the school garage” and back so that they have had the opportunity to get some fresh air.

The temperature is based on the Environment Canada website.

If it is less than -25, students will then stay outside for the duration.

Before the 8:35 a.m. bell, students can come in to the school when the weather is -25 or colder (with the wind chill). If it is less than -25, students will stay outside until the 8:35 a.m. school bell.

At the lunch hour, students can get bundled up and run to the fence and back so that they have had the opportunity to get some fresh air when the weather is between -25 and -40 (with the wind chill). If it is less than -25, students will stay outside to play.

## **Elementary Students (K – Gr 5)**

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Before the 8:35 a.m. bell, students can come in to the school when the weather is -25 or colder (with the wind chill)

At the lunch hour, students can get bundled up and run to the fence and back so that they have had the opportunity to get some fresh air when the weather is between -25 and -40 (with the wind chill). Less than -25 and they stay out to play.

## **Middle Years Students (Gr 6-8)**

-Grade 6 – 8 students are able to choose if they stay inside at noon or go out when the weather is up to -25C.

## **General**

- Despite the cold temperature, city schools are open. We never close!
- If the weather is colder than -40 (with the wind chill), all students will stay inside.
- please ensure your son/daughter is dressed warmly for cold weather. Ski pants, toques, mitts, scarves, boots (all labelled!) are essential for fun outdoor play and for riding the school bus.
- School bus cancellations are announced on local radio/social media
- School bus drivers have the ability to make bus announcements via School Messenger system (phone messaging to parents)
- if a school bus does not run in the morning *due to weather or road conditions*, **it will not run in the afternoon.**
- If a school bus does not run in the morning *due to a mechanical failure*, it will operate in the afternoon otherwise notified.