

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Where is the wind chill factor reader located?

The wind chill reader used by the Division is located in Boissevain and read by CJRB staff.

Why is the wind chill so cold before you close?

A wind chill of -45°C is in use in a number of divisions and is in the range of dangerous conditions for transporting students.

Why is the announcement not on the radio until 6:45 a.m.?

Every effort is made to have the announcement on the radio as soon as possible. However, some circumstances may prevent all radio stations from being contacted earlier than 6:45 a.m.

Where can I find the most current information regarding the cancellation of buses and classes?

Go to www.tmsd.mb.ca and click on the red Weather Updates button on the home page. This link will take you directly to our Winter Weather Updates page. You can also subscribe to the Winter Weather Updates page by clicking "subscribe" on the right hand side of the page. Once you have subscribed you will receive updates via email.

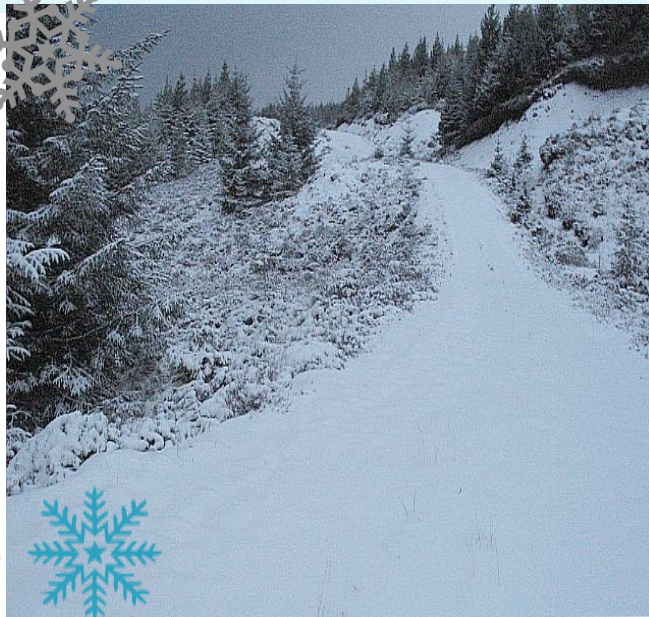


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Turtle Mountain School Division

Inclement Weather



Information about Turtle Mountain School Division's procedures and policies regarding inclement weather during the school year.



INCLEMENT WEATHER



FOR CANCELLATION INFORMATION STAY TUNED TO:

<u>A.M.</u>	<u>F.M.</u>
CJRB 1220	FARM 101.1
CKLQ 880	KX 96.1
CBC 990	STAR 94.7
CJOB 680	

As well, you can check for updates on the TMSD website. To do this go to www.tmsd.mb.ca and click on the red *Weather Updates* button. This is a link to our *Winter Weather Updates* page. Here you can check for the most current information regarding school bus/class cancellations. To receive updates via email, click on the subscribe button on the right-hand side of the page and follow the directions.

CANCELLING BUSES/CLASSES

The Transportation Coordinator and Superintendent/CEO will be in contact with each other between 6:00 a.m. and 6:20 a.m.

If at 6:20 a.m. the temperature reaches -45°C buses/classes will automatically be cancelled. Other factors such as visibility and road conditions may also indicate that cancellation of buses/classes is warranted.

By 6:25 a.m. the Superintendent/CEO will be in contact with the Transportation Coordinator and together the final decision will be made prior to 6:35 a.m.

By 6:45 a.m. the Transportation Coordinator will contact the radio stations if buses/classes are cancelled and the Superintendent/CEO will update the TMSD website (www.tmsd.mb.ca).

RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents/Legal Guardians:

When buses/classes have not been cancelled, the final decision as to whether the child goes to school or not is up to the parent/legal guardian. If a student is kept home during inclement weather they will not be penalized for missing school or exams. Parents/legal guardians must ensure the school has a current storm billet for their child.

Staff:

When buses/classes have been cancelled, staff are expected to attend their worksite unless a collective agreement provision is available that specifies otherwise.

Division:

The Division will decide if buses are cancelled. When buses are cancelled for safety reasons, classes are always cancelled as well. The Division never runs classes when buses have been cancelled as more than half of our students are transported.

What if the buses are cancelled during the school day?



In some cases, buses must be cancelled while classes are in session.

Buses will not be sent out early. This is to avoid delivering students home unexpectedly.

Students will be delivered (by bus if possible) to their storm billets in town.