



NNCEA COLD WEATHER POLICY

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Policy 803B: School Closure Due to Cold Weather

Rationale: Throughout the winter months, Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation may experience Extreme Cold Weather alerts related to a drop in air temperature for our region. These alerts are put out by Environment Canada and measure the air temperature with the wind chill. NNCEA puts forth our best effort to ensure student safety during this time by ensuring all students are provided with bussing transportation, implementing in door recess, and reinforcing safe procedures to students while outside.

Procedures:

Parental discretion is put in place for students to attend school when the temperature is -40 degrees Celsius or below, with or without the wind chill factor. This measurement is applicable throughout the school day.

Parents/guardians should inform the school that their student will not be attending due to the severe weather conditions.

Students will be marked as excused in our Student Information System (SIS) during this time.

Next Steps:

If the temperature or weather becomes an endangerment during the school day, School Administration will:

- Provide a recommendation to the NNCEA Executive Director of Education or designate who will make a final recommendation regarding a school closure
- The Executive Director will contact the NNCEA School Board Chair or designate for approval to authorize a school closure
- Staff and transportation personnel will be informed of the closure and arrange for transportation of students to their homes
- The community will be advised of a closure through social media, the NNCEA website, and Bright Arrow communication

Student Awards: Student attendance awards will not be affected by school closures, or days that parental discretion is applicable.