



NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO
Student Services Consortium



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Statement and Rationale	In the interest of student safety, when the ambient (actual) temperature reaches -38 Celsius, school bus transportation will be cancelled for the day. This does not include the wind chill factor but refers specifically to ambient temperature.
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Procedure	<p>Due to the large geographic size of the Consortium’s service area, there may be a variance of temperatures throughout the service areas. It is possible that the school buses may run in one area but not in another. The service areas are broken out into the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Kenora ➤ Sioux Narrows ➤ Red Lake/Ear Falls ➤ Sioux Lookout ➤ Pickle Lake/Savant Lake ➤ Upsala ➤ Dryden/Vermilion Bay ➤ Ignace <p>In making the determination to cancel, the Manager or designate may take into account the weather phenomenon which occurs where the temperatures will continue to drop after sunrise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bus Operators and Consortium staff will monitor the weather conditions. This normally occurs the night before. • If the ambient temperature reaches -38 Celsius in a certain area, the appropriate bus operator will contact the Manager or designate between 4:45 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Manager or designate will approve cancellations for that day. Wind chill is not normally a factor in the decision. • During a prolonged cold period of days where the temperatures are colder than -35 Celsius, the Manager or designate may use his/her discretion keeping in mind the impact on the vehicles and the operator’s realistic ability to cover off break downs. Prolonged extreme cold is extremely hard on equipment and can result in equipment within the bus breaking which could possibly compromise the student safety on the bus. • When the buses are cancelled for the day, the Manager or designate will ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Any cancellations are posted on the website www.nwobus.ca ✓ An email alert is sent out as soon as possible advising of cancellations ✓ An email is sent out to the Northwestern Ontario Student Services Board of Directors and appropriate Directors of Education
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