

Calgary Changemakers in Education Society

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Inclement weather:

Calgary Changemaker School is committed to working with staff, parents and students to ensure all community members understand how to properly dress for the outdoors in all seasons. A thorough review of clothing expectations and understanding of weather policies will be reviewed at the Parent Orientation and included in the Parent-Student Handbook. Students will work toward independence in knowing what clothing is appropriate for the day's weather and in making good clothing choices.

On the occasion that a parent neglects to dress their child appropriately a resource of extra clothing will be kept onsite. If there is still insufficient clothing for a child to be safe outdoors, the parent will be contacted and asked to bring clothing or the child will remain indoors with another staff member during outdoor learning components.

The weather forecast is monitored each morning and throughout the day when deemed appropriate using both Environment Canada and at the site location for temperature.

Classes and breaks will be held indoors when the weather forecast calls for:

- Lightning;
- Extreme winds;
- Hail;
- Temperatures below -25C or above 31C;

When participating in outdoor activities or activities off-site, staff members will pre-plan and allow for timely and safe access to shelter. For off-site outdoor activities, busses and drivers will remain nearby for timely and safe transportation back to the school or emergency location as needed.

Storms and extreme traffic conditions

Families will be encouraged to avoid driving in unsafe conditions. However, unless a school closure has been announced, the indoor facility will remain open for the day and staffed appropriately provided it is safe to do so.

Closures due to weather

The school may close in the event of extreme weather conditions, no power, flooding, no access to water, no heat, or if snow plows/buses are unable to operate. Parents are encouraged to listen to local radio and TV stations for indications that other Springbank Schools have been closed as Calgary Changemaker School will follow the public school closure protocol in the event of extreme circumstances. Parents will also be advised via the Calgary Changemaker School's emergency contact e-mail and app alert system for all school closures and/or bus cancellations.