



Niagara Catholic District School Board

SCHOOL OPERATIONS
FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER AND WORKPLACE CLOSURE POLICY

STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE POLICY

500 – Auxiliary Services

Policy No 500.1

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In keeping with the Mission, Vision and Values of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board supports the implementation of safety measures due to anticipated or occurring inclement weather and/or any other emergency situation that would impact the health, safety and well-being of Niagara Catholic staff and students.

In the event of inclement weather, the Executive Director/Designate of Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) will determine whether to cancel school transportation services for the entire system or an area(s) of the Board. When the decision is made to cancel transportation services, transportation is cancelled for the entire day which includes all educational field trips and secondary schools' late activity buses.

The Director of Education is authorized to close a school, a group of schools, all schools and/or Board facilities due to inclement weather or any other emergency situation that would impact the health, safety and well-being of staff and students

In the absence of the Executive Director/Designate of Niagara Student Transportation Services and/or the Director of Education (or designate), the Superintendent of Business and Financial Services is responsible for making and communicating decisions regarding the cancellation of transportation and/or school/Board facility closures due to inclement weather.

Notification of Niagara Catholic closures, and/or changes or alterations to the normal hours of operation will be posted on the Board website, delivered to parents/guardians through an electronic communications platform, and added to social media platforms by 6:00 a.m. (when feasible).

The Director of Education will issue [*Administrative Operational Procedures*](#) for the implementation of this policy.

References

- ***Niagara Catholic District School Board Policies/Procedures***
 - [*Employee Attendance During Inclement Weather and Workplace Closure \(201.9\) AOP*](#)
 - [*Student Transportation Policy \(500.2\)*](#)

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