

**INCLEMENT/EXTREME
WEATHER AND SCHOOL
CLOSURE POLICY**

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Revisions:

Reviewed:

1. Objective

1.1 KidsAbility School Authority (KASA) has a prime concern for the safety and wellbeing of all students, families, staff and volunteers. It is the policy of KASA to provide a safe and comfortable working environment. Inclement weather, extreme temperatures, emergency conditions or another emergency may result in special measures to maintain comfort and occasionally may result in the delay or cancellation of transportation, closure or early dismissal of school.

2. Policy

- 2.1 Students, families, staff, and volunteers will be made aware of reasons why KASA might be closed at any time in the future. Under certain circumstances KASA programs may be closed first thing in the morning or may close at anytime throughout the day while KidsAbility Centre programs may continue to operate.
- 2.2 The decision to close school programs or student transportation services shall be at the discretion of the Principal or designate in consultation with Transportation Services.
- 2.3 The Chair of KASA Board shall be informed of the decision to close school programs as soon as possible.
- 2.4 The decision to close school programs or cancel student transportation are made in the best interests of safety for students, staff and bus drivers.
- 2.5 In order to maintain the safety of all students, families, staff and volunteers, the KASA will develop and maintain a Procedure on Inclement/Extreme Weather and School Closures. This procedure will be reviewed and revised, as is necessary, on a yearly basis.

- 2.6 Communication of the decision to close KASA school programs shall be accomplished as outlined in the Procedure.
- 2.7 Where a KASA school program is closed according to this policy, employees shall be assigned to work from home.
- 2.8 Parents/guardians are ultimately responsible for deciding whether or not it is safe for their children to attend school when it is open.