

**EXTREME WEATHER AND  
EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING**

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**1. Preamble**

1.1 The policy that follows provides guidelines to ensure every precaution reasonable, under the circumstances, to provide for the comfort and safety of all students, employees, volunteers and trustees within its jurisdiction.

There are many reasons why a school may be closed either before school starts or during the school day. Some of these emergency situations include fire, flood, power failure, breakdown of the heating or water systems and severe weather conditions. A plan must be prepared, as early in the school year as possible, to act in a planned, cooperative way in order to maximize the safety of all students, employees, volunteers and trustees in these emergency situations.

2.1 It is the policy of KidsAbility School Authority to provide a safe and comfortable working/educational environment for each student, employee, volunteer and trustee.

2.1.1 All students, employees, volunteers and trustees will be made aware of the hazards of high heat and humidity or extreme cold and the steps they can take to protect themselves.

2.1.2 All schools will have procedures in place for informing students, volunteers and trustees of weather conditions that will bring high temperatures and humidity or extreme cold.

2.1.3 Specific procedures will be designed which reflect local needs and the particular circumstances of the school.

2.1.4 Safety procedures will be provided to deal with high heat and humidity or extreme cold which are designed to be flexible with the view of achieving safety and comfort for all students, employees, volunteers and trustees.