

Poplar Ridge Elementary School



Inclement Weather Information

Inclement weather days are determined by Division office. You will receive an automated phone call when there is one in place. It is very important if you change your phone number during the year, to let the school know so you receive inclement weather information. On the second page you will find information from Division Office in regards to their procedures.

Poplar Ridge: Inclement Yellow Days

Yellow Days are called when the weather turns nasty and it's not safe for the buses to run. On these day, parents will need to drop off and pick up students. Students are encouraged to attend school as regular classes and learning will be taking place.

Morning Drop Off:

The parking lot is very busy and congested. Parents need to walk their child(ren) across the parking lot and safely to the sidewalk. Depending on the outside temperature they will either be outside before the first bell or be sent inside. The supervisors out in the morning will let students know the process for that day.

Attendance:

Please make sure you call or email poplar.ridge@cesd73.ca to let us know if your child(ren) will not be attending school.

Hot Lunch on Yellow Days:

Our Tuesday/Thursday is run by our wonderful parent volunteers, which means when buses are not running we do not expect them to come in and provide us with hot lunch. Please make sure you send them with a lunch on those days.

After School Pick Up:

For after school pick ups, all students will be exiting the front doors. You will need to come into the school to pick up your child as no students will be dismissed through their regular doors. We want to make sure students are not waiting outside for their parents to arrive.

Field Trips on Yellow Days

If a field trip is planned and it ends up being a yellow day, we will reschedule for a different day.

Red Days

The difference between red days and yellow, is that red days the schools are closed and no buses are running.

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With the safety of students, staff and parents our highest priority, our Board of Education has supported our plan to close schools on extreme weather days when traveling is deemed unsafe for everyone.

To that end, Central Office has developed a procedure that will allow school closures to involve a single school, a community of schools or the entire school division. To keep this procedure relatively simple, we believe there are essentially three types of travel days that occur in our Division. We have coded these days Green (*all clear*), Yellow (*use caution*), and Red (*unsafe*).



Green days – the days when it is clearly safe for everyone to travel. All busses are running and all of our schools are open.

Yellow days – the days when busses might not run in some or all areas of the Division, but schools remain open. On **Yellow days**, we anticipate that the majority of staff members will be able to drive to their schools and that meaningful learning will take place. (*i.e. There may be a small minority of staff who choose not to travel because they have deemed their unique route unsafe.*)

- Parents of bus students are asked to contact your school to confirm your child will be absent on Yellow Days. Some parents may choose to drive their child into the school when their school bus isn't running, while some parents will choose to keep their child at home that day – schools can't make assumptions when safety is at stake.

Here are a few illustrative examples of **Yellow days**:

- Days when County crews need more time for snow removal to allow busses safe access to turnarounds, yet many other vehicles can still make safe passage through our rural roads.
- Days when there is fog, freezing rain, or low temperatures in the morning, but the weather is relatively fine for the rest of the day. This type of weather may disrupt bus service, but our staff and our parents can often travel safely simply by arriving a little later.



Red days – **A given school, area or the entire division will be closed.** These are days when we are faced with a full blown blizzard or when we still have a combination of heavy snow, high winds, and very low visibility. On **Red days**, to ensure the safety of our staff, parents, and licensed older students, we feel we need to close schools not only for students, but also for staff. This decision will be made in consultation with school administrators whenever possible. We believe this is the best way to ensure everyone's safety. It is important to note that a **Red day** may exist for one school, for one area (i.e. all Sundre Schools), or for the entire Division. Staff will be expected to conduct their work from home as much as possible and, for emergency purposes only, we will be asking our schools to do what they can to have at least one staff member on site on school closure days to ensure that no students are inadvertently dropped off at the front door of a school.

You can also read more about [Inclement Weather in regards to Transportation](#).

Here's the link to the division's policy on Inclement Weather day with FAQs at the bottom

<https://www.cesd73.ca/Inclement%20Weather.php>