

OCDSB

Snow Days and Inclement Weather

The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) makes this decision between 4:00 and 5:30 a.m. when there is inclement weather. OSTA staff monitor the forecast every four hours, even in the middle of the night and take into consideration the type of precipitation, how long it is forecasted to last, the amount of expected precipitation and the air temperature. OSTA services a large geographical area, and they have to consider weather and road conditions across the entire jurisdiction. Once OSTA makes the decision, they contact the school district and we start communicating with parents through the media, social media, websites, etcetera. You can monitor the OSTA or OCDSB websites. When there is a snow day, yellow bus service is cancelled, but OC Transpo high school routes continue to operate. All schools remain open for students.

Whether it is a snow day or not, with ice and snow on the roads, all drivers and pedestrians in and around schools need to use caution and to proceed safely. Please use extra caution and slow down in school parking lots or pick up and drop off areas. Also, a reminder to parents to ensure that students are dressed appropriately for outdoor play. The OCDSB has a procedure regarding extreme weather conditions and we monitor the forecast issued by Environment Canada.