

TCGIS Snow Day and Cold Day Policy
Passed by the Board on November 20, 2014

In an effort to provide clarity on winter days with heavy snow or extremely cold temperatures, the TCGIS School Board adopts the following criteria for canceling school. If at any time a family feels conditions are too dangerous for travel, parents and guardians may choose to keep children at home even if school is in session. Safety of children comes first.

Snow Day	Cold Day
<p>Closing school due to snowy conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">TCGIS administration may close school due to high levels of snow and ice on roads making travel treacherous for families and staff.While TCGIS uses the St. Paul Public School System as a guideline for closing, given our families come from a wider geographic area in the Twin Cities, TCGIS may close even if SPPS holds school.Notifications of closing will be directly emailed to all TCGIS families, broadcasted on WCCO, KSTP and KARE, and posted on the school's website and Facebook pages.Decisions will be made by 5:30 a.m. the day of school.Same Day Cancellations: After School Activities and evening meetings may be canceled due to worsening weather conditions throughout a school day. Decisions will be made by <u>noon</u> the day of worsening weather conditions.	<p>Closing school due to extremely cold temperatures or wind chill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Following St. Paul Public Schools, TCGIS will cancel school if the forecast for 6 a.m. shows either:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Wind chill</u> at -40° F or colder<u>Air Temperature</u> at -25° F or colderDecisions will be made by 7 p.m. the evening before school. The National Weather Service will be used for determining cancellations.Notifications of school closing will be directly emailed to all families, broadcasted on WCCO, KSTP and KARE, and posted on the school's website and Facebook pages.All After School Activities and school meetings will also be cancelled on a day TCGIS cancels school.Same Day Cancellations: After School Activities and evening meetings may be canceled due to dropping temperatures throughout a school day. Decisions will be made by <u>noon</u> the day of dropping temperatures by consulting the forecast.

Enrichment Opportunities for Cancelled School: For the first two cancelled days of school in a school year, TCGIS teachers will not have any additional expectations for schoolwork students should complete at home. After more than two days of cancelled

school in a school year, teachers will provide information to parents on ***enrichment*** work students may complete at home. If a teacher would like to include this ***enrichment*** work in the calculated grade for a subject, students will have **at least** one week to complete the work after the cancelled day of school.

Make Up Days for Cancelled School: TCGIS will not make up school for three or less cancelled days in a school year. For four to six days of cancellation, TCGIS will first consider canceling the April and May early release days for one make up day, and then consider the Friday before Memorial Weekend for an additional make up day before adding days onto the end of the school calendar.

The administration is always willing to work with individual families to accommodate needs in difficult situations. Any family is welcome to contact administration with questions or concerns.