



# Safe Arrival Program and Emergency School Closures

## Safe Arrival Program

Provincial legislation mandates that all school boards have a Safe Arrival Program. The purpose of the program is to ensure the safe arrival of students at school. For the program to work effectively, parents/guardians must **call the school if their child will be late or absent**. Please call the school's attendance check line to leave a message indicating your child's name, teacher name and the reason for your child being late or absent. If the school has not received notification that a student will be late or absent, parents/contacts will be contacted.

Contact information obtained from parents/guardians through the Data Verification Form will be used for the administration of the Safe Arrival Program by school personnel and/or school volunteers. Parental consent is obtained on the Standard Release Form – Use of Personal Information IS-09-L.

## Emergency School Closings

### Cancellations Before School Begins

Inclement Weather cancellation information will be available on one of the following media outlets early in the morning before school begins. These same media outlets will also carry any announcements concerning school closures after the school day has started.

<b>KFUN FM</b>	Waterloo	99.5
<b>KOOL FM</b>	Waterloo	105.3
<b>CKGL AM</b>	Kitchener	570
<b>CHYM FM</b>	Kitchener	96.7
<b>DAVE FM</b>	Kitchener	107.5
<b>CJOY "MAGIC" FM</b>	Guelph	106.1
<b>CKWR FM</b>	Kitchener	98.5
<b>KICX FM</b>	Kitchener	106.7
<b>CKBT "The Beat" FM</b>	Kitchener	91.5
<b>FAITH FM</b>	Kitchener	94.3
<b>CTV-Southwestern Ontario</b>	c/o Newsroom	TV 12

**Please listen to your radio or  
check these websites**

**[www.wrdsb.ca](http://www.wrdsb.ca)**

Waterloo Region District School Board

**[www.stswr.ca](http://www.stswr.ca)**

Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region

**for the most current information regarding  
bus routes and school closures.**

***If buses are not running before school, they will not run at all that day.*** Parents who drive their children to school will be responsible for picking them up promptly at the end of their child's school day.

### School Closure During The Day

When the school opens, it will be kept open unless very unusual circumstances occur. An announcement will be made on the radio stations and posted on the WRDSB website as soon as possible prior to the early closure.

In the event of an emergency elementary school closure during the day, communication with parents/guardians will occur. It is important that we have **accurate information for your child at all times**. The contact names and telephone numbers you provide us with on the Data Verification Form will be used. If the information on your child's Data Verification Form changes, it is essential that you notify the school office as soon as possible. Direct contact with a parent/guardian is important before sending a child home. If no direct contact is made, the child/children will remain under the supervision of the principal and/or designated staff until contact is made.

Should any parent come to the school during the day to pick up their child(ren) early, please notify the school office so there is a record of children who have gone home. As always, it is the decision of a parent/guardian whether or not a child is able to arrive and leave school in a safe manner, or if it is safer to keep the child at home.

