

Southeastern MA Educational Collaborative

Inclement Weather Policy

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School Age Programs

In the event of inclement weather, SMEC school-age programs will be closed and/or opening/dismissal times may be altered if the *districts in which the programs are located** have cancelled school or made the decision to delay opening/dismiss early. **Please watch for school closings in the town where your child's program is located on your local news stations. The information will also be posted to our website, www.smecollaborative.org, and our Facebook page, as early as possible.**

Alternative Learning Classroom I:	Acushnet
Alternative Learning Classroom II:	Dartmouth
Early Childhood Program:	Acushnet
Integrated Services Program:	Old Rochester or Dartmouth depending on classroom location
Multidisciplinary Learning Center:	Fairhaven
Primary Language Program:	Rochester
Therapeutic Learning Center:	New Bedford
Transitional Services Program*:	Follows <u>New Bedford</u> schedule unless otherwise notified

SMEC Student Transportation

If the student's home district is closed due to severe weather (excluding cold) and/or road conditions, SMEC will not provide transportation, even if the student's SMEC school program is open in a different town. Districts that use private transportation companies may have different policies for these circumstances, please check with your local special education office. If the student's SMEC program is open but their home town schools are closed, parents have the option of providing their own transportation to and from the SMEC program but must notify the classroom teacher, by telephone or email, at least 30 minutes prior to arrival if they plan to do so. Students may not be dropped off before the actual start time of the program (including delayed starts if applicable) and must be picked up promptly at dismissal.

Adult Service Programs

In the event of severe inclement weather, the SAIL Day Program and/or SMEC Adult Day Health Program may be forced to close. A decision will be made by 6:30 a.m. For cancellation information, please contact the SAIL office at 508-991-5477 or ADH at (508) 858-5127 for a recorded message. This information will also be posted on our website, www.smecollaborative.org, as early as possible.

For individuals using public transportation, if SRTA transportation is cancelled but the SAIL program is open, consumers have the option to provide their own transportation to the program.

Employment Support

Please note that Transitional Services students and SAIL consumers who are scheduled to work on days that school is closed should still plan on fulfilling their job responsibilities as scheduled unless notified otherwise. For questions regarding employment services during inclement weather, please contact SMEC employment department to discuss a particular situation at:

Ashley Santos at (508) 991-5477 ext. 113, asantos@smecollaborative.org or (508) 284-1306 (cell).

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