

WINTER WEATHER POLICIES

As cold weather descends on the Pacific Northwest, Villa has reviewed our policies to maintain a safe and productive learning environment. As you are aware, Villa relies on open windows for required [ventilation](#) during the pandemic. Therefore, building windows will remain open, regardless of the winter weather. As such, we have implemented a severe weather policy.

SEVERE COLD WEATHER

- ❄ On days when the weather is forecasted to have a **high temperature of 32 degrees or less**, Villa will move to **remote learning and provide student supervision in the building for families who need this service.**
- ❄ A move to remote learning will be communicated to families the day before it occurs.
- ❄ On these remote learning days, we intend that K-8 students have a synchronous connection with their teachers for core learning areas and also that there is a balanced amount of screen time required.
- ❄ Depending on the K-8 grade band, students will have a mix of synchronous community time, instructional time, individual work time, and office hours, as well as asynchronous postings by specialist teachers.
- ❄ Preschool students who need childcare on a severe weather day will be in their classroom with their teachers until 1:30 PM.
- ❄ Your child's teacher, advisor, and/or division director will communicate specific remote learning schedules for a severe weather day.
- ❄ **On severe cold weather days, Villa will provide learning supervision (8:15-3:20 PM) for families unable to secure childcare.**
 - ❄ **EDP for K-8 will not be offered on these days.**
 - ❄ **EDP for preschool students will be offered from 1:30 - 3:00 PM on these days.**
- ❄ Families who sign children up for learning supervision on severe cold weather days are asked to have students dressed with appropriately warm, outdoor clothing, including hats, gloves, warm socks, and winter coats.
- ❄ If you predict you might need childcare during severe cold weather remote learning days, please help us plan for the potential number of students by filling out this form [HERE](#).

WINTER WEATHER FREE DRESS JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2022

Given the need for open windows to maintain proper ventilation in all classrooms at Villa, **beginning January 4, all Villa students have the option to wear warm, non-uniform clothing to school during January and February 2022.**

- ☁ This is an option for Lower and Middle School students. If a student prefers to wear their uniform, that is perfectly fine.
- ☁ All non-uniform clothing and footwear should be suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities.
- ☁ Students are encouraged to utilize layers for additional warmth and to have hats and gloves at school each day.

SNOW DAYS

- ❄ If the school needs to close in the case of snow or unsafe ice conditions, the first day of closure will be a "regular snow day" with no remote learning.
- ❄ If the school has to close for several days in a row due to snow/ice, Villa will provide remote learning on the subsequent snow days. Plans for remote learning on snow days are the same as described for severe cold weather.
- ❄ For the safety of our faculty and staff, Villa will **NOT** be able to provide childcare on snow and ice days.
- ❄ Villa will use local weather projections regarding snow in the city to determine when to send lower school students home with their devices and power cords. It may be the case that students bring these home, and yet school is in session on the following day. **We ask for our families' help in ensuring that the students return with their equipment each morning ready for their in-class learning.**
- ❄ If your student requires clothing or other gear to help them stay comfortable at school this winter, please reach out privately to your division director (Ms. Sullivan or Ms. May) for assistance. Being cold can be miserable, and we want to ensure that our students are as warm as possible to support their best learning. Thank you!