



School Closure Policy and Montessori Alternate Program

When severe weather conditions or other emergency situations arise, there may be occasions when Canton Montessori School may be closed or opt to open for child care purposes only - referred to as Montessori Alternate Program (M.A.P.). In times of inclement weather, safety is our utmost concern. If you have any reservations about road conditions, please feel free to keep your child home or pick him/her up early rather than take any unnecessary risks. *Canton Montessori School is unable to refund tuition for inclement weather/facility closures or for MAP days.*

School Closing/MAP information will be announced via phone broadcast/text, on Fox 8 TV, and on our Facebook page.

The following *guidelines* will be used to determine if Canton Montessori School will **close for the day**:

- If the roads are impassable or there is a severe weather situation;
- If the core temperature and/or wind chill is dangerously low;
- If the school experiences a facility situation, such as electrical power failure, lack of water, or lack of heat/air conditioning, which may endanger the safety or health of children and employees.

The following *guidelines* will be used to determine if Canton Montessori School will **opt for a MAP day**:

- If the roads are snow covered, but it is expected that they will be passable by 10:00 a.m.;
- If CMS staff can safely arrive at school to operate classrooms and if the child-to-staff ratio is not compromised.

In the event of a **MAP day**, the following applies:

- The building will open at 10:00 a.m.
- Elementary, kindergarten and kindergarten enrichment classes will be cancelled.
- Hot lunch will not be served.
- There will be no arrival or dismissal car line.
- Students who normally leave at noon are not eligible for the Montessori Alternate Program.
- Prior registration for the Montessori Alternate Program is required in order to plan for staffing. If you plan to participate in the Montessori Alternate Program, please complete the section below and return to the CMS office.



I plan to bring my child to Canton Montessori on Montessori Alternate Program (MAP) days:

Child's Name _____ Classroom _____

My child will be picked up at approximately _____ p.m.

Parent Signature

Date

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