

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The Superintendent of Schools may close the schools or dismiss students/staff early when hazardous weather or other emergencies threaten the health or safety of students and personnel. The Superintendent may delegate this authority to another staff member in the event of his/her absence. Such action is never to be taken lightly, for public education is one of the principal functions of the community and should be maintained at a normal level except in extreme circumstances.

Schools will not be closed merely to avoid inconvenience. While it may be prudent, under certain circumstances, to excuse all students from attending school, to delay the opening hour, or to dismiss students early, the Superintendent has the responsibility to ensure that administrative, supervisory, and operational activity is continued to the extent possible.

School closings, delayed openings and early dismissals will be announced on local media (television and radio), the district website, automated phone system and via email.

If an early dismissal is warranted and a parent cannot be reached, the individual(s) listed as the current emergency contact submitted by the parent will be notified.

Students, parents, and staff will be informed early in each school year of the procedures that will be used to notify them in case of emergency closing.

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