

EBBD Evacuations and Emergencies

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If an emergency interferes with the normal conduct of school affairs, students may be dismissed from school only by the superintendent. A plan for emergency dismissal of students during the school day shall be developed by the superintendent and approved by the board. A copy shall be filed with the clerk and procedures for dismissal shall be given to parents and students at the beginning of each school year.

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School will not be dismissed early because of an emergency when the safety of students and teachers is better served by remaining at school.

During an emergency period when there is insufficient warning time, the district will keep all students under school jurisdiction and supervision. The staff shall remain on duty to supervise students during this time. Parents may come to school and pick up their children. Students shall be released according to board policy for release of students during the school day. (See JBH)

Emergency School Cancellations

The superintendent is authorized to cancel school or modify the schedule of district schools in emergency situations. This authority is generally used in response to weather related conditions, but may also be used for other emergencies where comfort or safety of students and staff may be affected. Power outages, mechanical failures, national or state emergencies and other conditions declared by local, state, or national government action are examples of events that may impact the school schedule.

When school is cancelled for these reasons all school events and activities will be cancelled for the affected day or days. School activities may be continued only with the permission of the superintendent or designee. Such permission may be granted if conditions change through the course of the time school is closed.

It is the intent of the district to make up time when the aggregate of time missed for the school year exceeds five days. The number of days to be made up may be modified by

the Board of Education at its discretion. The Board will determine the amount of time to be made up and the method used to make up the time.

School-Closing Announcements

When the superintendent believes the safety of students is threatened by severe weather or other circumstances, parents and students shall be notified of school closings or cancellations by announcements made over local radio/TV stations. Announcements will also be posted on district media (i.e. SchoolReach, USD 250 web site, Cable Channel 21, telephone notification trees). Public media will be notified of the changes.

Bomb Threats

If there is a bomb threat or similar emergency, the principal shall see that students are escorted to a safe place. The principal shall notify law enforcement agencies of the threat and request a thorough inspection of the buildings and grounds. Other contingencies as noted in the crisis plan shall be followed.

If it is determined that no danger exists to the students' safety and if there is time remaining in the school day, school shall be resumed. Time missed for a bomb threat will be made up.

Planning for Emergencies

Each building principal shall develop appropriate emergency procedures which shall be included in the district's crisis plans. (See EBBF) As appropriate, portions of the crisis plan developed shall be held in strict confidence by staff members having direct responsibility for implementing the plan.

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