

The superintendent is granted the power by the board to close the schools or dismiss students early in the event of hazardous weather, natural disasters, or other emergencies which threaten the safety or health of the students or staff.

When such emergency closure occurs, the superintendent will bring it to the attention of the board at the next regular meeting for approval.

Upon approval by the board, up to eleven (11) hours of emergency school closure due to adverse weather conditions and/or facilities failures may be reduced from the annual instructional hour requirements.

If appropriate, the board will request exemption to the required instructional hours, or the reduction thereof, from the state superintendent of public instruction for any school in the district when closure of that school for unforeseen circumstances does not affect the attendance at other district schools.

If appropriate, the board will request an exemption to the required instructional hours, or the reduction thereof, from the state superintendent of public instruction for all schools within the district when districtwide school closures are necessary as a result of natural occurrences creating unsafe conditions for students and when a county or state disaster declaration has been issued for one or more counties in which the district is located. Any such waiver request will include a description of the efforts undertaken by the district to make up lost instructional hours, the range of grades impacted, and the number of hours the district is requesting be waived.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code §33-512(1)

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