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ISD 482 Policy 215

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215 EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

I. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this policy to establish guidelines for emergency school closing.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

District 482 recognizes a need to establish guidelines for emergency closings when necessitated by weather or school building limitations.

III. REQUIREMENT

- A.** When emergency situations occur including weather conditions or school building site limitations (i.e. water, heat, electrical), the decision to close the school will be made by the superintendent or his/her designee. The decision will be based on information provided by sources in the respective area of concern along with emergency service providers, and other area school districts.
- B.** The closing may include cancellation of the school day, a late school start or an early school ending.
- C.** The decision on the closing will be shared with staff and the community through local/regional media. Annually, the district will publish a listing of media that will receive a contact from the school/or the district's website, and through various social media services, when there is a change in scheduled school day.
- D.** The decision on cancellation or postponement of co-curricular practices, events, and/or games will be made by the Activities Director with the approval of the superintendent.
- E.** The first day of school cancellation during a given school year will not be rescheduled for students; any additional makeup days are subject to School Board regulation. Make-up days will be as set out in the school calendar.

Decisions regarding staff reporting to work on an emergency closing day are based on the work agreements with the school district and /or the memo communication issued by the superintendent regarding this issue.