

School Closings and Cancellations

The superintendent is empowered to close the schools or to dismiss them early in event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the safety, health or welfare of students or staff members. It is understood that the superintendent will take such action only after consultation with appropriate authorities.

Parents, students, and staff members must be informed early in each school year as to how they will be notified in the event of emergency closings or early dismissals.

All staff members except for teachers and personnel who work only on teacher work days or on student days, unless otherwise notified shall be required to report to work as soon as possible on emergency days.

In the event the school is physically closed due to public health emergency, all staff with direct student contact or associated with student attendance will not physically report to work unless notified otherwise. Instead, the district will utilize a form of remote instruction. Remote instruction allows students to access lessons provided by, and supported by, their regular teachers and allows students to continue their sequence of learning despite their inability to access facilities.

To ensure all students have the ability to access their lessons via remote instruction, the district will implement one-to-one devices at the beginning of the year for all students, maintain a limited supply of Internet hotspots for check out.

During days of remote instruction, teachers will take attendance and monitor student participation through one of the following definitions of “actively engaged in the educational process”: logging into the online platform, completing an assignment, communication w/the teacher through email, texts, or phone calls, demonstration of student learning, or a parent signing a form attesting to work completion. For situations that are out of control of the student, days of remote instruction will be treated with the same exceptions as an excused absence in regard to work assigned.

The superintendent or their designee will develop administrative regulations or a plan for implementing this policy.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-1-112 (*school year and national holidays*)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(n) (*Boards duty to determine number of instructional/
contact hours/days*)
C.R.S. 22-33-101 et seq. (*school attendance law*)
1 CCR 301-39, Rules 2254-R-2.06 (*Board may reduce teacher-pupil
instructional/contact time; closings deemed by Board necessary for health,
safety or welfare of pupils*)

CROSS REFS.: IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar
JLIB, Student Dismissal Precautions

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