

Descriptor Term: EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

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The Superintendent is hereby authorized to close schools and offices or dismiss students and staff members early in the event of hazardous weather. It is understood that the Superintendent will take such action only after consultation with transportation and weather authorities.

Mississippi Code 37-13-65 authorizes the Board of Trustees to recommend that the Superintendent close any school because of an epidemic prevailing the Gulfport School District or because of the death, resignation, sickness or dismissal of a teacher or teachers, or because of any other emergency necessitating the closing of the school; however, all such schools so closed will operate for the required full time after being reopened during the scholastic year.

The Superintendent is authorized to close schools during times of a declared national disaster that affects the Gulfport School District. The Board of Trustees, through the adoption of the School Crisis Response Plan, authorizes the Superintendent to temporarily close a school or schools when the safety of the students and staff is compromised. The Superintendent will coordinate with community emergency response agencies.

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

Legal Reference: Mississippi Code 1972, '37-13-65