

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The Board of Education delegates to the Superintendent of Schools the responsibility to close the schools, delay the opening hour, or dismiss students/staff early when hazardous weather or other emergencies threaten the health, safety, or welfare of students and personnel. The Superintendent may delegate this authority to another staff member in the event of his absence. Among the factors the Superintendent may consider in making his decision are advice from traffic and weather authorities and school officials.

While it may be prudent under certain circumstances to excuse all students from attending school, to delay the opening hour, or to dismiss students early, the Superintendent has the responsibility to ensure that administrative, supervisory, and operational activity is continued to the extent possible. School closing and delayed starting times will be announced over news media. If no report is heard, it is to be assumed that schools are in session.

Students, parents, and staff will be informed early in each school year of the procedures that will be used to notify them in cases of emergency closing. When schools are closed for emergency reasons, staff members will comply with administrative regulations in reporting for work.

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