



Capital School District Board of Education Policy

Section: Administration
Title: School Closings
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Purpose:

To provide information to parents and the public regarding the closing of schools in the event of severe and adverse weather conditions.

School Closings - Weather

In the event of severe and adverse weather conditions, and should it become necessary to close schools, the following plan shall be followed to notify parents, students, staff, interested agencies, and local organizations. The district will use a variety of means (as available and possible) to notify families and staff including the district web site, automated telephone calling services, social media outlets, radio and television stations as well as the state notification system (if parents/families have registered for this system).

Parents/guardians/caregivers are encouraged to pay attention to these media on inclement weather days to find out if schools are closed, will open with a delay, or will dismiss early. The decision to close schools, institute a delay in opening or early dismissal will be made as early as possible in order to inform parents, guardians, caregivers, and staff members and give adequate notice to the Capital School District Transportation Office. Parents are encouraged to dress students appropriately when extreme cold or hot weather is forecasted.

Closing Schools – Epidemics

In the event of an epidemic in the Capital School District, after prior consideration with the Department of Education and/or Department of Health and Social Services, as well as communication with the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools may close schools.