

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFETY PROGRAM

Emergency Closings

The Superintendent may close the district schools or dismiss students early when hazardous weather or other emergencies threatens their health or safety, or that of personnel. The Superintendent may delegate this authority to another staff member in the event of his/her absence.

Schools will not be closed merely to avoid inconvenience. 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. Therefore, if conditions affect only a single school, only that school shall be closed.

In making the decision to close schools, the Superintendent will consider many factors, including the following which relate to the safety and health of children:

1. weather conditions, both existing and predicted;
2. driving traffic, and parking conditions affecting public and private transportation facilities;
3. actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition that would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous; and
4. inability of teaching personnel to report for duty, which might result in inadequate supervision of students.

The Superintendent will weigh these factors and take action to close the schools following consultation with school personnel and appropriate authorities.

Students, parents, and staff will be informed early in each school year of the procedures that will be used to notify them in case of emergency closing.

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