

SCHOOL CLOSING AND CANCELLATIONS

The Superintendent is authorized to close the district schools or to dismiss them early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies that threaten the health or safety of students and staff.

In making the decision to close school, the Superintendent or his designee will consider many factors, including the following relating to the safety and health of children:

- Weather conditions, both existing and predicted.
- Actual occurrence or imminent possibility of an emergency condition that would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous.
- Inability of teaching personnel to report for duty, which might result in inadequate supervision of students.

WEATHER – The designated building administrator shall have the authority to have bus routes run and dismiss school any time weather conditions make such dismissal advisable. Bus drivers should be contacted for their input into the decision.

Notification that school has been cancelled, will start late, or close early, will be made on the district website, through School Messenger, over local radio and TV stations and by other means at the discretion of the Principal.

Cancellation – If it is determined that severe weather conditions would make it unadvisable to conduct school for the day, notice will be given by 6:00 a.m. or as soon as possible.

Late Start – If it is determined that severe weather conditions may let up during the day, the decision will be made at 6:00 a.m. that the start of school will be delayed 2 hours. Bus schedules would remain the same as on normal days, but would run two hours later.

Early Dismissal – If weather conditions deteriorate during the day and an early dismissal is deemed appropriate, notice will be given. Students should be fed before dismissal if possible.

In the event a bus becomes stranded, the bus driver should remain in the bus and keep all students in the bus and await rescue. The driver shall not attempt to walk for help or send students for help. It shall be the driver's responsibility to check out his/her cell telephone prior to leaving school. The drivers have the sole authority to determine whether they shall attempt all, or any part, of their route because of weather, snow, or mud conditions.

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