

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The Superintendent is empowered to close the district schools or to dismiss them early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the health or safety of students and personnel. Such action is never to be taken lightly, for public education is one of the principal functions of the community and should be maintained at a normal level except in extreme circumstances. If conditions affect only a single school, only that school shall be closed.

In making the decision to close schools, the Superintendent shall consider many factors including the following:

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 which would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous.
4. Inability of teaching personnel to report for duty which might result in inadequate supervision of students.

The Superintendent shall weigh these factors and shall take action to close the schools only after consultation with traffic and weather authorities. Students, parents and staff shall be informed early in each school year of the procedures which will be used to notify them in case of emergency closing.

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