

Administration

Inclement Weather

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. The administrative, supervisory and operational staff is expected to work in the event of a closing or delay. If conditions affect only a single school, only that school shall be closed.

In making the decision to close schools, the Superintendent or designee shall consider the following factors:

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 or designee shall weigh these factors and shall take action to close the schools only after consultation with traffic and weather authorities, local building administrators and school officials from neighboring districts. 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. When schools are closed for emergency reasons, staff members shall comply with board policy in reporting for work.