

Dallas School District 2

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Emergency School Closures - Authority

The Board recognizes the need for immediate and decisive decision-making when emergencies arise which affect the health and/or safety of students. Therefore, it authorizes the superintendent or designee to suspend operations for the entire school district or any portion thereof when, in his/her judgment, an emergency condition of any kind constitutes a threat to the health and/or safety of students¹.

The superintendent has the authority to develop contingency plans for conditions such as, but not limited to, the following:

1. Emergency school closure due to inclement weather conditions, fire, earthquake damage, vandalism, or utilities failure;
2. Forced school closure for lack of funding of the budget;
3. Closure of a school unit caused by significant decline in enrollment;
4. Temporary closure and reopening of schools caused by work stoppages called by staff bargaining units;
5. Forced school closure caused by acts of threats of violence to a school unit by a person or persons who may or may not be known;
6. Forced school closure and evacuation caused by a life-threatening event in the close proximity of a school unit such as explosion or hazardous gas or chemical pollution.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[OAR 437-002-0360](#)
[OAR 437-002-0377](#)

[OAR 581-022-1420](#)
[OAR 581-022-1620](#)

[OAR 581-053-0004](#)

Cross Reference(s):

EEAC - School Bus Safety Program

¹Upon approval by the Board, or the 2015-16 school year, up to 14 hours of emergency school closures due to adverse weather conditions and facilities failure may be included in the calculation of instructional time. (Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-1620 "Instructional time" is defined in OAR 581-022-0102.