

Jewell School District 8

Code: **EBCD**
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Emergency Closures**

In case of hazardous or emergency conditions, the superintendent may alter district and transportation schedules as are appropriate to the particular condition. Such alterations include closure of all schools, closure of selected schools or grade levels, delayed openings of schools and early dismissal of students.

In making the decision to close schools, the superintendent or his/her designee shall consider many factors, including the following principle relating to the fundamental concern for the safety and health of students and staff:

1. Weather conditions, both existing and predicted;
2. Driving, traffic and parking conditions, affecting public and private transportation;
3. Actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition which would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous.

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, late start or early dismissal.

When the school is closed, staff members are not required or expected to report for work.

When the school is closed or dismissed early, the superintendent will determine whether there will be athletics or other school functions or community use of the school.

The superintendent will establish a telephone notification process for parents and staff and will notify local radio stations when school is to be closed or in the event of a late start; and notify radio stations promptly of early dismissal.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[OAR 437-002-0360](#)
[OAR 437-002-0377](#)
[OAR 581-022-1420](#)

[OAR 581-022-1620](#)
[OAR 581-053-0002](#)

Cross Reference(s):

EEAC - School Bus Safety Program