

**Port Orford-Langlois
School District 2CJ**

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Emergency School Closures

The superintendent is empowered to close the district's schools or to dismiss them early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies that in the superintendent's judgment threaten the health or safety of students and personnel. Such action is never to be taken lightly, for public education is one of the superintendent or designee's functions of the community and should be maintained at a normal level except in extreme circumstances. When this regularity of operation ceases, serious difficulties are caused and the welfare of students may be jeopardized. Schools may not properly be closed merely to avoid inconvenience. While it may be prudent, under certain circumstances, to excuse all students from attending school, to delay the opening hours, and/or to dismiss students early, the administration has the responsibility to see that as much of the administrative, supervisory and operational activity is continued as may be possible.

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

1. Weather conditions, both existing and predicted;
2. Actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition that would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous.

The superintendent shall inform students, parents and staff early in each school year of the procedures that will be used to notify them in case of emergency closing.

Employee attendance during emergency closures will be subject to the employee's collective bargaining agreement.

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](#)