

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, delayed openings of schools, early dismissal of students or the designation of snow routes.

In making the decision to close schools, the superintendent or his/her designee shall consider many factors, including the following principles 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.

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

Students, parents and staff will be informed at the beginning of each school year of the procedures that will be used to notify them in case of an emergency closure, late start, early dismissal or designation of snow routes.

The superintendent will develop and maintain such plans and procedures as are necessary to notify parents and staff when school is to be closed or in the event of a late start, early dismissal or designation of snow routes.

If, during a half day Friday week, there is an emergency school closure on any full day, the half day Friday will be changed to a full day that particular week.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[OAR 437-002-0360](#)

[OAR 437-002-0377](#)

[OAR 581-022-1420](#)

[OAR 581-022-1620](#)

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Cross Reference(s):

EEAC - School Bus Safety Program