

Siuslaw School District 97J

Code: **EBCD**

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Emergency Closures**

In case of hazardous or emergency conditions, the superintendent may alter school and/or bus schedules. Such alterations include, but are not limited to, closure of all schools, closure of selected schools or grade levels, delayed openings of schools, early dismissal of students and/or changes in bus routes and stops.

When credible weather forecasts include hurricane force winds or other potentially catastrophic events, the superintendent, will preemptively close schools for the next day and notify school staff and the general public immediately. The district will use NOAA/National Weather Service as the official source for information on weather related matters.

The superintendent will develop and use emergency plans and procedures as necessary to alter school and bus schedules. Such plans will include, but not be limited to, the following actions:

1. Identifying sources of information and other resources utilized in making informed decisions regarding school closures;
2. Informing supervisors and/or other staff;
3. Notifying the Lane ESD;
4. Authorizing public announcements;
5. Informing the Board chairperson of school closure information;
6. At the October board meeting the superintendent will review procedures in place to ensure student and staff safety during hazardous or emergency conditions;
7. Notifying students, staff and parents annually of the emergency notification procedures, including multiple ways to communicate in the most adverse circumstances.

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