

## **Policy Code: 2140 SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

The Superintendent is authorized to close the schools, to delay the opening, or to dismiss school early in the event of hazardous weather, national disaster, or other emergencies which threaten the health or safety of students and/or personnel, as allowed by law. The superintendent shall notify parents, members of the board of education, the news media, and other interested parties of a decision to close a school or schools as soon as it is feasible to do so under the circumstances. To the extent possible, the administration shall see that the administrative, supervisory, and operations activities continue. In the event schools are closed due to hazardous weather conditions, natural disasters, or other emergencies, every reasonable effort will be made to make up the lost days, as allowed by law.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the temporary closing of a school or schools under this policy. 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 closings. When schools are closed for emergency reasons, staff members shall be advised of the appropriate actions to be taken.

In the event that an emergency closing is for a definite period exceeding one week, the superintendent shall notify the members of the board of education before making a formal announcement of the closing. A decision to close one or more schools for an indefinite period that is anticipated to exceed one week shall be made by the superintendent in consultation with the members of the board of education.

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