

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.

The Edenton-Chowan Public Schools Board of Education recognizes the need to provide students with an opportunity to participate in an alternative means of instruction when the traditional school day is compromised due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, including emergency closings. Remote Learning is an educational option and learning experience that is designed to extend, enhance, supplement and serve as an alternative to classroom instruction. The primary objective is to maintain the momentum of learning. The primary objective is not to make up missed days of school; however, it is the intent of this Policy and Policy 3100 that remote learning count towards the minimum number of instructional hours required under the current North Carolina school calendar law. Remote Learning Days allow students to minimize the interruptions caused by inclement weather and continue to make educational progress.

LEGAL REF: [G.S. 115C—36, 47](#)

CROSS REFERENCES: School Calendar (Policy 3100)

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