

699 CLOSING OF DISTRICT FACILITIES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR OTHER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to determine the factors taken into consideration for closing school due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The safety of staff and students is paramount in the event of hazardous weather or conditions that threaten health and safety of students and District personnel. Having procedures and guidelines in place to be used in the event of facilities closing is important to ensure staff and student safety.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

The superintendent or designee is empowered to close any or all district facilities or to dismiss students and staff early in the event of hazardous weather or conditions that threaten the health and safety of students and District personnel. The superintendent or designee is responsible for the development of District procedures and guidelines to be used in the event of facilities closing.

Factors to be considered in a facility-closing decision will include:

1. Both existing and predicted weather conditions.
2. Opinion of the bus contractor concerning driving, drivers, traffic and parking conditions affecting all transportation, private and public.
3. Actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition which would make facilities operation difficult or dangerous.
4. Inability of adult personnel to report for duty, which might result in inadequate operation of District facilities and deficient supervision of students.
5. Altered facility starting or earlier ending times as an alternative to complete closing.

6. The practicality of using a two hour late start in lieu of a complete closing.

Emergency closing procedures and routines will be publicized in each school year and each actual closing or late start will be announced via local media, website, and mass communication media.

When emergency closings occur, staff and faculty members will observe the terms of their respective contracts concerning reporting for work.

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