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EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The District Administrator shall have authority to close the district schools in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies, which threaten the health or safety of students and personnel. This decision shall be based on the prevailing conditions across the district. Individual circumstances may vary. It is a parental decision to keep a child home should their circumstances lead them to a different conclusion.

When determining whether or not to close school due to hazardous weather, the District Administrator shall consult, as applicable, with the District bus contractor, Buildings and Grounds Director, other area districts, National Weather Service, law enforcement, county health and emergency management agencies. Upon reaching a decision to close the schools, the District Administrator will post the announcement on the District website, notify local television and radio stations who participate in announcing school closings, and families will be notified electronically. This information will be communicated annually to families.

There will be no practices of any kind conducted on those school days when school has been closed due to inclement weather or other reasons. Competitions or performances will be conducted at the discretion of the District Administrator or designee. The decision shall be announced as broadly as possible.

Any extension in the existing scope of co-curricular or extracurricular activities (i.e., longer seasons, holiday tournaments, etc.) shall be contingent on the prior approval of the school board.

Release of students from practices of activities during vacation periods or other times school is not in session will be made by common arrangement and mutual agreement between the concerned parent(s)/guardian(s) and the appropriate coach or other activity advisor or director. Unresolved problems in this regard may be appealed to the program director and/or building principal.

The District Administrator shall develop other plans as necessary for the closing of the schools, late start, and early dismissal to provide for orderly procedures. It is the responsibility of each family to have a plan in place for their child(ren) should schools start late or end early.

Every effort will be made to have school cancellation/late start notification posted by 6:15 a.m. and early dismissal by 11:00 a.m.

The District shall, at a minimum, make up all days/hours necessary to guarantee the receipt of state aids and/or necessary to meet the minimum annual school year requirements (days and hours) of the State of Wisconsin.

Legal Ref.: Sections 115.01(10) Wisconsin Statutes (Classifications)
120.12(27) (School Board Duties)
121.02(1)(f)(i) (School District Standards)
PI 8.01(2)(f), Wisconsin Administrative Code