

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

The district administrator is empowered to close the district schools, delay the start of school, or to dismiss them early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the health or safety of students and personnel or are perceived to substantially disrupt the instructional process. If emergency conditions affect only a single school building, only that school will be closed.

In making the decision to close schools, the district administrator or designee will consider many factors, including the following principle ones relating to the fundamental concerns for the safety and health of students:

1. Weather conditions, both existing and predicted.
2. Driving conditions affecting public and private transportation facilities.
3. Actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition which would make operation of schools difficult or dangerous.

Procedures for securing, evacuating or closing schools/classes are addressed in the District Crisis Plan. The district administrator will weigh all pertinent factors and may consult with all appropriate resources in making the decisions to close schools. Students, parents and staff will be informed of school closings as early as practical by announcements over appropriate radio and television stations. In addition staff will be notified via a telephone tree as soon as possible.

School sponsored activities and practices are canceled on the day when school is closed due to inclement weather. When school is dismissed early, all school activities for the rest of the day are also canceled. Exceptions to this policy may be made by the district administrator, in consultation with other administrative staff, with respect to scheduled contests and performances.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Stats. 115.01(10), 121.02(1)(f)
 Wisconsin Administrative Code – PI 8.01(2)(f)

CROSS REFERENCE: Master Agreement
 Exhibit #723.3 – Communication Tree