

MISCELLANEOUS

Emergency Closings

The Superintendent or designee, after consultation with the Coordinator of Transportation, will make the decision about school closings. The Coordinator of Transportation consults with designated "spotters" in various parts of the school district to ascertain conditions district-wide. Parents are encouraged to listen to the local media because schools can close for a variety of reasons. (The most common reasons for school closings are: no heat, water or electricity at a school, road conditions, storms, weather so cold diesel busses do not operate and conditions are unsafe for parents, students and staff or acts of violence.)

I. General

- A. In the event of inclement weather or some other emergency condition which would require school to be canceled, all staff (with the exception of maintenance and custodial personnel, building administrators and supervisors, district transportation personnel) should not report to work. If conditions warrant, the above personnel should report to work to insure the maximum safety of students.
- B. When school is closed for emergency conditions, all activities (curricular and cocurricular) and all Community Education classes will normally be suspended.
- C. When school starts late because of emergency conditions, all staff are expected to report to work at the regularly schedule time unless there is an announcement to the contrary, or a condition exists making it unsafe to arrive at the regularly scheduled time.
- D. When school is canceled after the start of the school day, all regularly scheduled staff are expected to remain at their work stations unless released by the superintendent or designee.
- E. Should the scheduling of make up days become necessary, the school year may be extended beyond the last scheduled work day.

II. Bus Drivers

- A. Each bus driver must keep on file, in the office of the Coordinator of Transportation Services, current information concerning the driver's telephone number and where the driver may be reached during the school day.
- B. In transporting children home when emergency conditions prevail, bus drivers will make certain that all children are accounted for before leaving the school, and insure that no children are discharged from the bus when there is a real and apparent danger the children might not reach safe shelter.

III. Parents

- A. When it appears that emergency conditions exist, individual parent(s) will consider local conditions and determine whether or not their child(ren) should be sent to school. If prior to the start of school the parent(s) or guardian(s) consider conditions are such that a genuine cause for concern for the safety of the child(ren) is warranted, the child(ren) should be kept home.
- B. All parents are encouraged to have a family strategy for times when schools start late, end early or are canceled because of emergency conditions.

IV. Extraordinary Emergencies

- A. The superintendent is hereby authorized to suspend any of the provisions of this policy in the event of an extraordinary emergency that cannot reasonably be anticipated.