

# POLICY

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Closings

From time to time, it becomes necessary to call for an emergency school closing. Usually, the circumstances are such that the school must announce the closing on short notice.

The Superintendent or designee is empowered to close schools or implement an early dismissal in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the safety or health of students or staff members. The school district will call certain predetermined radio and television stations and place children on their assigned bus to be transported home. At the beginning of each school year, parents, students, and staff members shall be informed of how notification will be given in the event of emergency closings or early dismissals.

The school district also strongly recommends that parents who are generally not home during the school day devise a neighborhood plan so that each child knows what plan of action to follow upon arrival at home following the early dismissal. If parents wish their child to be taken to an alternate place at the time of emergency, they should notify the child's school in writing in order that the accommodations can be made. If the plan varies, the school district should be informed as to where the child should go. In the event that a major road leading to a neighborhood or house becomes impassable, students will be returned to their schools and will remain until arrangements can be made for their safe passage home.

The attendance of personnel shall be governed by their respective contracts.