

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The Superintendent/CEO may close the district schools or dismiss them early when hazardous weather or other emergencies threaten the health or safety of students and personnel. The Superintendent/CEO may delegate this authority to another staff member in the event of his/her absence.

Schools will not be closed merely to avoid inconvenience. However, the Superintendent/CEO may excuse all students from attending school, delay the opening hour, or dismiss students early.

In making the decision to close schools, the Superintendent/CEO will consider many factors that relate to the safety and health of children:

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

Students, parents and staff will be informed early in each school year of the procedures that will be used to notify them in case of emergency closing. When schools are closed for emergency reasons, staff members will comply with administrative guidelines in reporting for work.

POSTPONEMENTS

Should inclement weather prohibit the operation of the Public Schools for any portion of a school day, all co-curricular activities will be cancelled with the exception of district or state contests (activities). In such situations, the officials responsible for such contests (activities) will decide if the contest (activity) is to take place and participation by students will be based on their decision. In such cases, the school principal will announce whether or not the contest (activity) will take place.

When the school has been closed due to the expectation of inclement weather, and the situation does not result in potentially dangerous travel conditions, the Superintendent/CEO or his designee, after consultation with the principal, will have the authority to waive the cancellation of co-curricular activities as described in the above paragraph.

LEGAL REFERENCES

SDCL 13-10-2

GENERAL POWER OF SCHOOL BOARDS TO EMPLOY PERSONNEL

SDCL13-26-2

TIME REQUIRED IN SCHOOL TERM

SDCL 13-8-39

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