

SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS

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If schools will not open on a school day because of adverse weather conditions or emergencies, the superintendent or designee will inform pupils, parents, teachers, and the public via local media sources.

The following procedures apply:

An emergency closing in the interest of safety for all persons concerned will be announced only after weather forecasts or road conditions indicate this action to be advisable. Until such announcement is made, it is to be assumed that the schools will operate as usual.

When weather and road conditions appear too dangerous for school bus travel and information and forecasts predict better weather and safer driving conditions may occur, a decision may be made to open school two (2) hours later than usual. In this case school buses will maintain their regular morning schedules, only two (2) hours later.

Announcements concerning delays or closures should be distributed to the media by 6:00 a.m. Two-hour delays are utilized to extend the time needed to evaluate road and weather conditions. Announcements to close schools during the two-hour delay should be distributed to the media by 8:00 a.m.

In addition, morning pre-kindergarten classes are cancelled when an elementary school is on a two-hour delay. Early dismissal during the school day will be announced by 11:00 a.m. Afternoon sessions of pre-kindergarten are cancelled when an early dismissal is announced.

All-day or early closing of schools, due to inclement weather, will automatically cancel afternoon and evening student and public activities in all affected school buildings, unless it is determined by the principal(s) in consultation with appropriate staff that weather conditions have improved to allow for the safe conduct of an activity or event. These activities and events include but are not limited to athletic events, adult education programs, P.T.A. meetings, and/or professional meetings.