

School Closings and Cancellations

The Board recognizes that to preserve the health, safety and well-being of students and staff, it may be necessary to close district facilities or dismiss schools early during emergencies.

Parents, students and staff members shall be informed early in each school year as to how they shall be notified in event of emergency closings, delayed starts or early dismissals. The emergency call notification system, media, district website, and other means of social platforms will be used to notify parents and staff in the event of emergency closings, delayed starts or early dismissals.

Facility breakdowns

In the event of facility breakdowns, individual principals shall confer with either the executive director of elementary education or the executive director of secondary education to determine a course of action. In the absence of these administrators, the superintendent shall be consulted.

Weather emergencies

In the event of severe weather conditions, the superintendent or designee shall be responsible for determining if the schools shall remain open or closed. The police department, weather bureau and civil defense office may be contacted for advice on weather conditions and safety concerns that may necessitate the closing of schools.

If severe weather conditions occur overnight, a decision to close schools shall be made as soon as possible. All media shall be notified by the communications coordinator. Administrative personnel shall be informed by means of the emergency phone call system. In the event severe storm conditions occur during the school day and the decision to close schools has been made, all media shall be notified by the communications coordinator.

In the event of school closure for weather, all district activities will be cancelled.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-1-112 (*school year and national holidays*)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(n) (*Board's duty to determine number of instructional/contact hours/days*)
C.R.S. 22-33-101 *et seq.* (*school attendance law*)
1 CCR 301-39, Rules 2254-R-2.06 (*Board may reduce teacher-pupil instructional/contact time; closings deemed by Board necessary for health, safety or welfare of pupils*)

CROSS REFS.: IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time
JLIB, Student Dismissal Precautions

Note: Please refer to the document 'Emergency Call System' on file in the superintendent's office.