

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND DELAYED STARTING TIMES

The Superintendent or his/her designee is empowered to close the district schools, dismiss students and/or personnel early or delay the start of the school day in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the health or safety of students and personnel or are perceived to substantially disrupt the instructional process. If emergency conditions affect only a single school building, only that school shall be closed, dismissed early, or have a delayed starting time.

In making the decision to close schools, dismiss students and/or personnel early or delay the start of the school day, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall consider many factors, including the following principle ones relating to the fundamental concerns for the safety and health of students:

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

The Superintendent or designee shall weigh all pertinent factors and may consult with all appropriate resources in making the decision to close schools, dismiss students and/or personnel early, or delay the start of the school day. Students, parents/guardians and staff shall be informed of school closings, early dismissals and delays as early as practical by announcements over radio stations in Fort Atkinson, Whitewater, Madison and Milwaukee; television stations in Madison and Milwaukee; and via the District's electronic notification service.

Inclement weather days shall be made up in accordance with the Employee Handbook.

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