

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The Transportation Coordinator, in cooperation with the Director of Business Affairs, shall determine road conditions and make a recommendation to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent/designee may close the schools, dismiss students early or delay the opening of schools in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the safety or health of students or staff members. It is understood that the Superintendent takes such action only after consultation with transportation and weather authorities.

In case of impassable side roads, bus drivers shall be instructed to pick up students where the road conditions will not endanger lives and property. Bus drivers shall be given the authority to determine which stops must be avoided for the safety of the bus and passengers. Students not transported due to impassable roads will be considered in school and given ample opportunity to make up any schoolwork missed.

There may be times when it is necessary to dismiss school during the day because of some emergency. It is impossible to call each parent when these situations occur. Parents shall be urged to make arrangements with a neighbor or friend so that the child will have a place to go if the parents are not home.

In the event that the Superintendent/designee shortens the school day by no more than two hours due to hazardous weather, either at the beginning or the end of the given school day, that day will not be designated a calamity day.

Prior to September 1 of each year, the Board adopts a resolution specifying a contingency plan under which the students make up days the schools were closed because of calamity days. These make-up days are beyond the number of calamity days provided for by law.

The contingency plan cannot in any way conflict with the collective bargaining agreement.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.48; 3313.482; 3313.642
3317.01
3737.73
OAC 3301-35-06

CROSS REFS.: EBC, Emergency/Safety Plans
ID, School Day
Student Handbook

CONTRACT REFS.: Teachers' Negotiated Agreement
Classified Staff Negotiated Agreement