

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The superintendent has the authority to close schools, dismiss them early, or keep them open beyond the regular school day in case of extreme weather or other emergency conditions. As soon as possible after the decision has been made, the superintendent shall arrange to announce the closing via the news media.

Makeup days will be scheduled so that students will attend school for the minimum number of school days per year prescribed by statute, Iowa Department of Education rules, and board policy. On any day when the school is forced to close early, the portion of that day that school was in session shall be defined as a day of school.

Transportation in Poor Weather Conditions

Buses will not operate when weather conditions -- fog, rain, snow, and storm -- make it unsafe to do so. Because weather conditions may vary around the district and may change quickly, the best judgment will be used that is possible with the information available.

The final decision in declaring conditions “unsafe” will be made by the superintendent or the superintendent’s designee. He/she will be assisted by the director of auxiliary services and by the actual “on-location” reports of the bus drivers.

Drivers and students will be notified by commercial radio or television when school is canceled, temporarily delayed, or dismissed early. It may be possible that, at times, the entire district is not affected by poor weather conditions; local drivers will then make the decision on when to begin operating in cases of delayed openings of school. However, when school is closed (canceled) because of weather anywhere in the district, all schools will be closed.

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