

School Closings and Cancellations

The superintendent is empowered to close the schools or to dismiss them early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the safety, health, or welfare of students or staff members. It is understood that the superintendent will take such action only after consultation with appropriate authorities.

Parents, students, and staff members must be informed early in each school year as to how they will be notified in the event of emergency closings or early dismissals.

Staff members will be informed if they are expected to work if there is an emergency closure of their work site.

In the event school is physically closed due to a public health emergency, all staff with direct student contact or associated with student attendance will be notified as to whether they will be expected to report to their physical worksite. The district may utilize a form of remote instruction, which allows students to access lessons provided by, and supported by, their regular teachers and allows students to continue their sequence of learning despite their inability to access facilities.

To ensure all students have the ability to access their lessons via remote instruction, the district will provide students with an Internet-enabled device along with access to a learning management system where lessons and materials will be made available. Other materials and resources may be provided as needed to support learning accommodations.

During days of remote instruction, teachers will take attendance and monitor student participation through synchronous learning activities facilitated via an online web conference or asynchronously through the completion of assignments. For situations that are out of the control of the student, days of remote instruction will be treated with the same exceptions as an excused absence in regard to work assigned.

The superintendent or their designee will develop administrative regulations or a plan for implementing this policy.

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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

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