

## School Closings and Cancellations

The superintendent is empowered to close the schools or to dismiss them early in 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 must be notified in the event of emergency closings or early dismissals.

All staff members, except for teachers and personnel who work only on teacher work days or on student days, unless otherwise notified must be required to report to work as soon as possible on emergency days.

The district shall implement procedures for essential staff to follow regarding reporting for duty during emergency closing or early dismissals.

In the event school is physically closed due to hazardous weather, a public health emergency, or other emergencies which threaten the safety, health, or welfare of students or staff members, all licensed teaching staff and others as notified who have direct instructional contact with students or are associated with student attendance will not physically report to work unless notified otherwise. Instead, the district may utilize a form of remote instruction. Remote instruction 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.

During days of remote instruction, teachers will take attendance and monitor student participation through procedures established by the district. 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.

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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.:

*Board policies:*

EL-1, Global Executive Constraint

EL-4, Communication and Counsel to the Board

EL-11, School Safety

*Administrative policies:*

IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time  
JLIB, Student Dismissal Precautions

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