

The opening and closing of schools shall be in accordance with the school day as established by the Board of Education policy and individual school schedules.

No school shall be dismissed before regular hours, except with the knowledge and approval of the Central Office Staff.

Schools normally will not be closed due to weather or environmental conditions such as snow or high water, unless those conditions are such as to create a definite hazard. When the condition is considered to be such that the closing of schools is necessary, every effort will be made to provide that information by radio and television in sufficient time to acquaint everyone with the condition. Announcements will be made only in case schools are to be closed. Closing due to hazards to pupils is made with consideration of the size and maturity of children and the problems of mass transportation.

Such closings do not, of themselves, nullify the need for, nor remove the obligation of administrative, instructional and service employees of the school system to report for work. Those who will report to work will be determined by the Superintendent and/or the division/department administrative heads.

In cases where unusual conditions prevail to close the schools for two or more days, the Board will exercise its option to provide alternative work schedules or assignments for professional, auxiliary, and service personnel affected by the closing of any school or schools.

Schools will use the emergency schedule when directed by the Superintendent.