

STUDENTS

Policy Title: Emergency School Closing

Code No. 509.3

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.

Make-up 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 Public Instruction 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, storm) make it unsafe to do so. Because weather condition 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 designee. He or she will be assisted by the director of transportation, and by the actual "on location" reports of the drivers.

Legal Ref: Iowa Code Sections 279.8; 279.10; 321.372(1) as amended.

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