

## 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 will be notified in the event of emergency closings or early dismissals.

In the event school is physically closed due to a public health emergency, or other hazardous conditions, all staff with direct student contact or associated with student attendance will not physically report to work unless notified otherwise. Instead, the district will 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.

In the event of remote instruction, teachers will take attendance and monitor student participation through performance based attendance policy. 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. The plan will be published in student and staff handbooks.

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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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