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| Category: 6000 INSTRUCTION | Policy Number: 6415 |
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The superintendent is granted the power by the board to close the schools or dismiss students early in the event of hazardous weather, natural disasters, or other emergencies which threaten the safety or health of the students or staff.

When such emergency closure occurs, the superintendent will bring it to the attention of the board at the next regular meeting for approval.

Upon approval by the board, up to eleven (11) hours of emergency school closure due to adverse weather conditions and/or facilities failures may be reduced from the annual instructional hour requirements.

If appropriate, the board will request exemption to the required instructional hours, or the reduction thereof, from the state superintendent of public instruction for any school in the district when closure of that school for unforeseen circumstances does not affect the attendance at other district schools.

If appropriate, the board will request an exemption to the required instructional hours, or the reduction thereof, from the state superintendent of public instruction for all schools within the district when districtwide school closures are necessary as a result of natural occurrences creating unsafe conditions for students and when a county or state disaster declaration has been issued for one or more counties in which the district is located. Any such waiver request will include a description of the efforts undertaken by the district to make up lost instructional hours, the range of grades impacted, and the number of hours the district is requesting be waived.



LEGAL REFERENCE:
Idaho Code §33-512(1)

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Emergency Closure:

At all times the health and safety of students shall be the primary consideration in all decisions or actions taken in times of emergency, disaster or severe weather conditions. The schools in Snake River School District will remain open, if at all possible, on all scheduled school days. Even when weather conditions are extreme, every effort will be made to keep schools open in the belief that it is in the best interest of the students. Since parents are the primary protector, they will need to decide what is right for their children. The option to keep children home when weather conditions are extreme is always at the parent's discretion and the school understands and respects their decision.

School closure emergencies will be declared after consultation with public safety authorities such as the County Road and Bridge officials, law enforcement and other disaster services personnel, state and national weather services and area superintendents. When emergency conditions exist, the superintendent will notify the school board, the media, patrons and district employees as soon as possible.

Notification of Emergency Closures:

Parents and employees should listen to these designated radio or television stations for school closure information between the hours of 6-8 a.m. (If schools dismiss early, the media will air the announcement as soon as possible.)

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| TV | Radio | | |
| KIDK, Channel 3 | KLCE, 97.3 | AM KID, 96.1 | KBYI 94.3 |
| KPVI, Channel 6 | KSEI, 930 FM | KFTZ 103 (Z103) | |
| KIFI, Channel 8 | KWIK, 1240 | KZBQ, 93.7 | |

Media Announcements:

One of the following messages will be aired by the media:

"School Will Be Closed" In this event, a school closure will be broadcast by the local television and radio stations after 6:00 a.m. **This could be for individual schools or a district-wide closure.** All announcements are for one day only.

"Schools Will Start Two Hours Late" If this occurs, it will be announced by 6:00 a.m. with a message such as "Snake River School District will start two hours late." **If this happens the buses will arrive at the student's bus stop two hours later than normal and school will start two hours later than normal. The schools will dismiss at the regular time and the bus will bring children home at the regular time. Parents should not to bring their children to the school buildings before 8:00 a.m. and drop them off because there is a possibility that building will be closed due to weather or some other event and there would be no one to take care of the child.**

"Schools Will Dismiss Early" When schools are closed and students are returned home earlier than usual, it could lead to situations that are not safe for the children, such as being locked out of their home or being in a house alone. School principals and their staff are encouraged help train their students to have a family plan in place in case of an early dismissal. For example, notices could be sent to parents in student handbooks or at the beginning of winter advising them of the following: **"For your child's health and safety, please be prepared for bad weather and school closures. Dress your child in warm clothing during bad weather. Make advance arrangements with neighbors, babysitters, or daycare for your child's care in the event the school bus is late or your child arrives home sooner than usual because of early school dismissal. Tell your child in advance what to do in such circumstances and leave instructions with the child's school."**

Bus Routes and Busing Conditions That Cause Late Arrival to School:

The Transportation Supervisor shall monitor the road conditions with the help of the bus drivers, County road officials, and other sources and will advise the superintendent or designee so an informed decision can be made regarding school closures or bus route conditions. A bus driver will use his/her best judgment when driving a route and will call for assistance if necessary before driving on a road that may be "snowed in" or closed for other reasons. Every effort will be made to keep students safe. Parents may be asked to meet their students at bus stops or at alternate locations when buses are running on emergency schedules. **If a student is not able to get to school or is late for class because their bus was not able to pick them up or was late getting them to school, the student will be allowed time to make up school work. In this situation, students will not be marked tardy.**

Extra-Curricular Activities

Weather-related closures of school also cancel district activities automatically for that particular day. This applies to all groups scheduled to use school facilities on that day. An exception to this rule concerns activities sponsored by the Idaho High School Activities Association. The high school principal and superintendent determine cancellation of these activities on a case-by-case basis. Parents have the ultimate responsibility to decide whether or not they want their child to travel. There will be no adverse action taken if a student is not able to participate in a practice or activity held on a snow closure day due to a weather-related hardship.

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Informacion de Escuelas Cerradas en casos de Emergencias

Las escuelas del Distrito de Snake River se mantendrán abiertas, si es posible, durante todos los días del horario de la escuela del año. Aun cuando las condiciones del clima son extremas, se hará todo el esfuerzo para mantener las escuelas abiertas, teniendo en mente el mejor interes de los estudiantes. Siendo que los padres son la proteccion primordial de los hijos, ellos tendrán que decidir que es lo mejor para sus hijos. La opcion de mantener los hijos en casa cuando las condiciones del clima estan extremas es siempre a la discrecion de los padres y la escuela entiende y respeta la decision.

Basicamente hay tres diferentes situaciones que ocurren cuando las escuelas se cierran debido al clima:

- I. El evento mas común es vientos fuertes y mucha nieve durante la noche que causa que se cierren los caminos y hace imposible la transportacion de los camiones de la escuela. En este evento, se anunciará en la radio y television local después de las 6:00 a.m. en cuanto si hay escuelas cerradas.
- II. El clima extremadamente frio y acompa ado con aire resulta en un muy bajo “factor de viento frio”. Algunas personas opinan que la escuela esta cerrada cuando la temperatura alcanza 20 grados bajo cero o mas. El distrito no tiene ninguna regla en cuanto cerrar la escuela por el clima frio. Los camiones se calientan y las escuelas estan calientes y seguras. No obstante, puede aver la posibilidad de que la escuela empieze tarde en el evento que el clima este estremadamente frio. Si esto ocurre, será anunciado a las 6:00 a.m. con un mensaje como este “el distrito de la escuela de Snake River empezará dos horas tarde”. Si esto ocurre, los camiones de la escuela levantarán a sus hijos dos horas después de lo normal. Las clases terminarán a tiempo regular y el camion traerá su hijo a casa a tiempo regular.
- III. La condicion que causa mas problemas y preocupaciones de seguridad para los estudiantes es cerrar las escuelas y mandar los estudiantes temprano a casa cuando el clima cambia de bien en la ma ana a una tempestad de nieve al mediodia. Aunque algunos padres estan en casa, otros padres han anticipado que sus hijos estan seguros en la escuela y que regresarán a casa a la hora normal. Cuando cerramos las escuelas y los estudiantes regresan temprano a casa, puede conducir a situaciones que no son seguras para los ni os, por ejemplo no tienen las llaves de casa o estan solos en casa. El distrito de la escuela se comunica regularmente con los trabajadores de camino del condado que coordinan la limpieza de caminos y con rutas de camiones de escuela. El condado da al distrito informacion en cuanto cuales caminos estan cerrados por razones de corrientes de nieve. Si es posible, la escuela se mantiene abierta y termina al tiempo normal. Sin embargo, si las condiciones causan que se cierren temprano las escuelas, se harán anuncios mediante la radio y television.

En caso de que se cierren las escuelas por una emergencia, sea todo el distrito o una sola escuela, noticias de esto se dará a las estaciones de radio y television.

Por favor mire las noticias que se dan en cuanto las escuelas cerradas en los siguientes canales:

| <u>TV</u> | | <u>Radio</u> |
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| KIDK, Canal 3 | KLCE, 97.3 | KID, 96.1 |
| KPVI, Canal 6 | KSEI, 930 FM | KFTZ 103 (Z103) |
| KIFI, Canal 8 | KWIK, 1260 AM | KBYI, 94.3 |
| | KZBQ, 93.7 | |

La television y estaciones de radio no empiezan a anunciar las escuelas cerradas hasta después de 6.00 a.m.

Por seguridad y salud de sus hijos, por favor este preparado para mal clima y escuelas cerradas. Vista a su hijos con ropa caliente durante el clima frio. Haga planes de antemano con sus vecinos, niñera, o guardería en el evento que el camion de la escuela llegue tarde, o en caso de que su hijo llegue a casa temprano de la escuela. Hable con su hijo de antemano en cuanto que hacer en esas circunstancias y deje instrucciones en la escuela de su hijo.

Por favor no traiga niños a la escuela antes de las 8:00 a.m. y dejarlos allí. Los maestros empiezan su trabajo a las 8:00 a.m. y si por si acaso en ese dia estuvieran cerradas las escuelas por el clima o cualquier otro evento, no habría nadien en la escuela para cuidar su hijo.

Cuando las escuelas se cierran por razones del clima, automaticamente se cancelan otras actividades del distrito por ese dia. Esto aplica a todos los grupos que estarían ocupando la escuela por ese dia. Una excepcion a esta regla son las actividades que estan patrocinadas por la Asociacion de Actividades de la Escuela de Idaho, y otras actividades de la Escuela Secundaria. El director y vice-director determinarán la cancelacion de estas actividades.