

132 EMERGENCY CLOSING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Background

Schools are to remain open as long as possible during periods of inclement weather or when other emergency conditions arise. At all times, however, the safety of the student(s) must be the major consideration in determining whether a school is to be closed or remain open.

The Division recognizes that inclement weather, adverse road conditions and other unforeseen factors may prevent the transportation of students to their homes at the end of the school day, and that the possibility of this occurring increases with the length of the bus route and the remoteness of the location.

Procedures

1. The Principal shall assume the responsibility for the safety of the student(s) in each school.
2. Any decision regarding emergency school closure shall be made in consultation with the Superintendent. However, since safety of the student(s) is the primary consideration in all decisions, if a particular emergency requires immediate action, the Principal is authorized to take such action and then contact the Superintendent as soon as possible
3. The Principal, at the beginning of the school year, shall, in consultation with staff, develop or review their existing Emergency Procedures as per section 7 of the district OH and S manual. The Plan shall include the location of temporary shelter for students.
4. The Principal or teacher shall inform the parent(s) whenever a child will not be returned home because of inclement weather.
5. A copy of these procedures will be sent to the parent(s) or guardian(s) of children whose transportation is likely to be affected.

References

Section 11, 33, 52, 53, 60, 196, 197, 222 Education Act
Employment Standards Code
Occupational Health and Safety Act

History

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