

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.

All staff members, except for teachers and personnel who work only on teacher work days or on student days, unless otherwise notified must be required to report to work as soon as possible on emergency days.

In the event school is physically closed due to a public health emergency, all staff with direct student contact or associated with student attendance will not physical 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.

To insure all students have the ability to access their lessons via remote instruction, the district will utilize zoom, google classroom, and provide the chromebooks and/or take home materials and assignments as appropriate.

During days of remote instruction, teachers will take attendance and monitor students participation through Infinite Campus/Google Classroom. Attendance will be recorded at least once daily for days when instructional hours are provided, meaning a student is “actively engaged in the educational process.” If any of the below apply:

- a. Presence during in-person instruction;
- b. Logging into the online learning platform;
- c. Signing an online form attesting to work completed at home;
- d. Student demonstration of learning;
- e. Assignments completed at home
- f. Virtual Classroom attendance
- g. Viewing or completing Recorded lessons and assigned work
- h. Teacher pupil interaction live or through technology
- i. Responding to teacher emails or communication

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.

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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