

R 8220 SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The following procedures will govern the unscheduled closing of school for the entire school day, the delayed opening of school, and the early closing of school. No single set of rules can anticipate the problems that may be encountered when schools must be closed, and Building Principals may be required to exercise independent judgment in individual circumstances. Any consequent deviation from these rules should be reported promptly to the Superintendent.

Delayed Openings and Emergency School Closings

School may be closed early or delayed in its opening because of emergencies. Radio stations WHWH (1350 AM), WPST (94.5 FM) and WBUD (1260 AM) will broadcast timely notice of changes beginning at 6:15 a.m. Closings or delays are immediately posted on the district web page and cable television station.

Delayed Opening: The morning bus pick-up time will be delayed by ninety minutes for all pupils, Kindergarten through grade twelve. The high school and Timberlane School pupils will start classes at 9:15 a.m. Elementary school sessions will begin at 10:15 a.m.

On a delayed opening the morning Kindergarten session will be 10:15 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. The later dismissal time means that the children will arrive home approximately 1.5 hours later than usual. The afternoon Kindergarten session will begin at 1:00 p.m., with bus pick-up approximately one-half hour later than usual.

Early Closing: High school and Timberlane School pupils will be dismissed at 12 noon. The elementary schools will dismiss pupils at 12:45 p.m. This includes morning Kindergarten pupils. On days with an emergency early closing, there will be no afternoon Kindergarten session. Children in grades Kindergarten through five will not be dismissed from school until a parent or other designated adult has been notified of the early closing. Should it become necessary to close school without advance notice, due to an emergency or storm, announcements will be made on the aforementioned radio stations. The district's emergency calling procedure will be initiated. The school district's website is updated immediately following any decisions to alter schedules due to weather or other emergencies.