

School Closings and Cancellations

The board authorizes the Superintendent to cancel or close school(s) for the day, delay opening, or dismiss school(s) early in the event of severe weather, hazardous travel conditions, or other emergencies which present threats to the safety of students and staff. Decisions to close school for the day should be made no later than 6:00 A.M.

Notice of closing or cancellations will be given to students and parents by means of media announcements or by other appropriate means. Such notices will be given sufficiently in advance of the school session in order to avoid confusion and inconvenience.

When school is in session, it remains the responsibility of parents to decide whether or not their children will attend school under existing conditions.

Storm days list in excess of the number provided for in the school calendar will be made up by conduction classes on the weekend, rescheduling or shortening scheduled vacation periods or postponing the close of the school year, as determined by the Board.

If approved by the Board, the Superintendent may submit a plan to the Commissioner that would provide for a one-hour extension of the school day for up to 25 days in a school year. If approved by the Commissioner, five one-hour extensions would be counted as an additional school day. Extended days may be used only for the purpose of making up school days missed due to weather or other emergency closures.

Legal Reference: 20-A M.R.S. §4801(F)

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