

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee (in the Superintendent of Schools' absence) may close the schools in the School District or dismiss early when hazardous weather or other emergencies threaten the health or safety of students and personnel.

In making the decision to close schools, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee will consider many factors, including the following principal ones that relate to the safety and health of children:

1. weather conditions, both existing and predicted;
2. driving, traffic, and parking conditions affecting public and private transportation facilities;
3. actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition that would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous; and
4. inability of teaching personnel to report for duty, which might result in inadequate supervision of students.

Students, parents, and staff will be informed early in each school year of the procedures that will be used to notify them in case of an emergency closing. When schools are closed for emergency reasons, staff members will follow contractual obligations in reporting for work.

Ref: Education Law §3604(7)

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