

E-5 EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The Board authorizes the superintendent to close the schools in event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which present threats to the safety of students, school staff members, or school property.

Such action is never taken lightly, for public education is one of the principal functions of the community and should be maintained at a normal level except in extreme circumstances. While it may be prudent under certain circumstances to excuse all students from attending school, to delay the opening hour, or to dismiss students early, the administration, supervisory, and operational activity is continued as may be possible. Therefore, if conditions affect only a single school, only that school will be closed. Schools may not properly be closed merely to avoid inconvenience.

Whenever the superintendent is absent from the school district, an assistant superintendent shall be empowered to close the district schools following the policy guidelines stated in E5-R.

When it becomes necessary to close school early or to cancel school due to adverse weather conditions, any activities scheduled on that specific day involving participation by local students/or use of the local facilities should also be cancelled or postponed whenever possible. The Board recognizes that there are times when local officials have limited control over such decisions due to external sponsorship: however, concern for the general welfare of local students or of groups using local facilities should be communicated to the activity sponsors.

Exceptions are made to allow for some practices, academic or athletic, at the high school level providing: (1) practice is limited to varsity groups, (2) road/weather conditions have improved, (3) approval has been secured from the principal or designee, and (4) students are not required to attend (No penalty is given for not participating.). No activity will be scheduled during a delay of school.

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Plainfield, IN

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