

Instruction

Series C-19-COVID-19 Policies and Regulations

SCHOOL CLOSING FOR EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

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Temporary amendments related to the COVID-19 Pandemic have been made to this policy. All temporary revisions appear in highlighted bold italics or strikethrough text.

Every attempt will be made to keep schools open according to the calendar approved by the Board of Education. However, there are times when emergency closing of schools is necessary.

Closing of schools, late opening, or early dismissal for inclement weather or emergency conditions will be decided by the Superintendent of Schools or designee based upon the best possible information available.

As provided by the State Board of Education the Superintendent may choose to treat “snow days” as a remote learning day (RLD) or as a day to be made up later in the school year. Remote learning days must meet the regulatory requirements of Adapt, Advance, Achieve, Addendum 12, and the Commissioner of Education’s letter to superintendents dated October 27, 2020, with a requirement of a minimum of 5 hours of direct instruction in secondary and 4.5 hours in elementary school.

A “snow day” is intended to limit student movement to and from school where conditions are deemed unsafe. A district “snow day” in the form of a remote learning day remains a work day for all faculty and staff. The Superintendent, with district leadership, will determine the work location for each staff member.

The Superintendent or designee will notify the building principals, the bus company, and the Maintenance Department as soon as a decision is reached. They will be responsible for informing their staff.

In the case of closing the schools for weather or emergencies, administrators and non-certified personnel should make every effort to reach their assigned duties as soon as roads are passable or the emergency condition is deemed safe by school administrators.

Emergency or discretionary leave may be used for those unable to reach a building unless the Superintendent or designee feels conditions are severe enough that all employees are dismissed from attending work.

Every effort should be made to notify employees of the status of opening, either by phone by posting on the Fairfield Public Schools web site, or through radio broadcasts.

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