

**MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT #134
POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL
SECTION 6000 - Administration**

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE & WEATHER CONDITIONSPOLICY 6054

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE:

The Superintendent is granted the power by the School Board to close the schools or dismiss students early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies, which threaten the safety or health of the students or staff.

In the event of inclement weather, the following timelines will be closely followed:

4:30 am

District Administration, Transportation Manager and Maintenance Supervisor observe weather and extended weather forecasts. District Administration and Transportation drive bus routes to evaluate road conditions. District Administration contacts Canyon Highway District and surrounding District Administration for their input on road conditions.

5 am

District Administration(s) collects and monitors information as it becomes available (current weather forecasts, contacts with neighboring districts, city and county road conditions, Canyon Highway District, Police Department, etc.)

5:30 am

District Administration makes decision to close school, based on available data.

6 am

District Administration designates personnel to administer (Skylert School Messenger) notifications to Administration, staff, parents and media of a school closure.

Whenever it is deemed necessary to close the schools due to hazardous weather or other emergencies, which threaten the safety or health of the students or staff, all extracurricular games/contests (both home and away events) may be cancelled that respective day(s). The Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director, through their collective concurrence, may determine that an extracurricular game(s)/contest(s)/activity(ies) for that respective day(s) may be held as scheduled. Procedure 354-P5 must be completed and signed by all three parties prior to any respective event(s) taking place.

When such an emergency closure occurs, the Superintendent will recommend approval of the School Board at their next regular meeting.

Upon approval by the School Board, up to eleven (11) hours of emergency school closure due to adverse weather conditions and/or facilities failures may be reduced from the annual instructional hour requirements.

If appropriate, the School Board will request exemption to the required instructional hours, or the reduction thereof, from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for any school in the District when closure of that school for unforeseen circumstances does not affect the attendance at other District schools.

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Air Quality

When wildfires or other conditions that affect the air quality index arise, Middleton School District will monitor the air quality and follow the DEA and Idaho Department of Health & Welfare’s recommendations for schools. (See Air Quality Chart, Procedure 354-P6)

The day to day decisions (to keep elementary students inside for recess, PE, cancel after school practices, cancel athletic contests, etc.) will be made by the building Administrators. Extenuating restrictions will be communicated to parents as often as possible.

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LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Section 33-512(1)

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