

CHAPTER 8.00 - AUXILIARY SERVICES

EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOLS

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In case of an emergency, the Superintendent / designee is authorized to close any school or all schools and to dismiss a school(s) prior to the regular daily dismissal hour. The principal may dismiss the school when the Superintendent or designee cannot be contacted and an extreme emergency exists endangering the health, safety, or welfare of students. Any such early dismissal made by the principal shall be reported immediately to the Superintendent's office and the Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety with a statement describing the reasons for early dismissal. Any emergency closing will be reported to the School Board as quickly as possible with the reasons therefore.

- A. In a declared state of emergency, control of students shall be maintained by school personnel until these students are released from school or in the case of transported students, until they depart from the school bus.
- B. The principal shall cooperate with emergency preparedness authorities and the School Board's Department of Public Safety during a natural or man-made disaster. If a riot or similar situation occurs, the principal shall cooperate with the law enforcement authorities and the School Board's Department of Public Safety.

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