

LEARNING/INSTRUCTIONInclement Weather

The purpose of the Minneapolis Public Schools is to ensure that all students learn. It is the intent of the Minneapolis Board of Education and its administration that schools will be open every school day.

It is the policy of the Minneapolis Public Schools to recognize the right and responsibility of parents in the matter of school attendance. It is the responsibility of parents to decide whether or not their children are in fit condition and properly dressed to attend school in inclement weather.

Any child who is absent due to inclement weather shall be marked absent. However, such absences may be excused in the same manner as absences for any other legitimate cause if the school system remains open. In the case of extreme weather conditions, schools may be closed to students and/or staff at the discretion of the Superintendent. Official school and/or system closing announcements will be made by WCCO radio and carried on WCCO television starting at 5:00 a.m.

If schools are closed to students in the event of *extreme cold weather and wind chill*, all staff will be expected to report to work unless specifically directed otherwise. In the event of *snow and hazardous driving conditions*, schools will be closed to students and all employees except designated emergency employees.

In those circumstances when all schools/programs/sites are closed to students and staff, a designated "emergency employee" at each site shall open the building/site one hour before school starting time and close the building/site one hour after school starting time (a total of two hours) to ensure student safety. District managers at all other sites must designate "emergency employees" who will be required to be present on days when the system is closed to respond to any issues or concerns that might arise. Such designated "emergency employees" shall be appropriately compensated according to their contractual agreements.

Sometimes it becomes advisable for schools and/or programs to end sessions earlier than usual because of increasing inclement conditions or weather. Parents should plan for this possibility. If conditions arise during the regular school days or school recess days which necessitate the closing of schools and/or programs, school district employees will be excused by school administration as soon as students safely vacate the building. If conditions necessitate the closing of other system sites or programs, the manager or site administrator will release district employees appropriately.

Regulation

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