

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The superintendent or superintendent's designee may order the closing, the delay in opening or the early dismissal of any or all schools in order to protect the safety and welfare of the students and staff.

Unless employees are notified that their work schedule is changed because of adverse weather or emergency conditions, it is expected that all employees will work according to the terms of their contract and division policy.

During adverse weather or emergency conditions, employees follow guidelines from the superintendent related to work schedules. The guidelines may be reviewed by the school board.

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Cross Ref.: GAA Staff Time Schedules

SCHOOL CLOSINGS INFORMATION

The Wise County School Board recognizes that there are times when normal school hours must be altered or school canceled due to inclement weather or other conditions in order to ensure maximum safety for all students and employees.

With this in mind, the School Board has endorsed the “snow schedule” as well as “cancellation” of school when warranted.

On “snow schedule” days all school activities will begin two-hours later than usual and will terminate at the usual time. Individual school principals normally alter their class schedules to accommodate this shortened day.

On days when school is canceled, the school principal should use sound discretion as to whether previously scheduled extracurricular activities should be held.

On days when inclement weather or other conditions arise which warrant the dismissal of school after the school day has started, the principal should confer with the superintendent and make necessary arrangements for a safe and orderly early dismissal. Parents are urged to make necessary prior arrangements for their children.

Every effort should be made to notify the news media and the citizenry in the most expeditious fashion. Decisions which affect the school schedule and student safety should be prompt.

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