

**DISTRICT CODE: 851  
CLOSING OF DISTRICT FACILITIES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER  
OR  
OTHER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS**

*Policy reflects Minnesota statute and aligns with other District 270 policies*

The superintendent or designee is empowered to close any or all district facilities or to dismiss students and staff early in the event of hazardous weather or conditions that threaten the health and safety of students and District personnel. The superintendent or designee is responsible for the development of District procedures and guidelines to be used in the event of facilities closing.

Factors to be considered in a facility-closing decision will include:

1. Both existing and predicted weather conditions.
2. Opinion of the bus contractor concerning driving, drivers, traffic and parking conditions affecting all transportation, private and public.
3. Actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition which would make facilities operation difficult or dangerous.
4. Inability of adult personnel to report for duty, which might result in inadequate operation of District facilities and deficient supervision of students.
5. Altered facility starting or earlier ending times as an alternative to complete closing.
6. The practicality of using a two hour late start in lieu of a complete closing.

Emergency closing procedures and routines will be publicized in each school year and each actual closing or late start will be announced via local media, website, and mass communication media.

When emergency closings occur, staff and faculty members will observe the terms of their respective contracts concerning reporting for work.

Each school or District facility will develop a facility plan detailing procedures for facility-specific emergency closing. The facility plan will be in accord with overall District procedures and guidelines.

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