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Emergency Closings

It shall be school policy to take the following steps or procedures during inclement weather in which school will be called off, buses will not run, or that students may have to be sent home during the day:

- A. The decision to open school in the morning during inclement weather will rest with the superintendent/designee. He/she shall also determine, and properly announce, early dismissal due to weather conditions.
 - a. Factors entering into this judgment might include the following:
 - snowfall, wind, and temperature (wind chill factor);
 - dangerous driving conditions;
 - weather forecasts in the early morning or during the day; or
 - other weather conditions determined to be serious enough to warrant school dismissal.
- B. The recommendation to operate the buses in the city and rural areas during inclement weather will rest with the transportation supervisor. Information received from rural patrons, the bus supervisor, national weather service, and city officials will weigh heavily on his recommendation to the superintendent. The superintendent/designee will ultimately make the final decision.

In some instances, buses may operate on a limited schedule. In those instances, it may be desirable for parents to bring their child/children to meet the bus so that they can be transported to school.
- C. The superintendent/designee will notify the news media whenever the regular school day is to be altered. The transportation supervisor will notify the bus supervisor as to the operation of the bus runs.
- D. If weather conditions are such that a late school start and late bus run seem advisable, such announcement shall be given to the news media.
- E. The ultimate decision as to whether or not an individual student goes to school during inclement weather is the responsibility of the parent. If the parent decides weather conditions are such that the child should not go to school, the child will be counted absent.
- F. When school is in operation and the buses do not operate in the rural areas, teachers and administrators shall realize that these rural students are absent not because of their choosing. Schoolwork and related activities should be governed by this fact. If there are questions relative to this, teachers are encouraged to visit with their building principal.
- G. Out-of-city activities during adverse weather will be governed by highway conditions. Athletic, music, debate, and comparable activity trips will leave (or return to) Huron only after investigation of highway travel conditions.
- H. An “Operation Blizzard” policy shall be updated each fall. This plan will provide housing in the city for students bused to school and unable to be returned home that day because of storm conditions.
- I. Each building principal is to develop a contingency plan with each family regarding the procedure to follow for the dismissal of students if inclement weather forces the early closing of school.

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Regulations on Attendance – Inclement Weather

On those days when the buses do not run, the following guidelines will be in effect:

Make-Up Work

Students who miss school will be required to complete all make-up work. The staff will use reasonableness as a guide in determining the amount of work assigned and the time granted to complete the assignment.

Absent-Present

When bus transportation is not provided, all students who are eligible to ride the bus will be counted present.

Those students who go home at the request of their parents will be counted present for the remainder of the half day in which they left school. They will be counted absent for the remaining half day if they leave before noon.

Students who could have ridden the bus but elect to stay home due to the weather conditions, will be considered absent.

Non-bus students who are kept home at the request of their parents will be counted absent if school is in session.

Tardiness

Students will not be counted tardy if the bus they are riding is late.