

MINNETONKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Policy#913: Closing of School in An Emergency

- 1.0 It shall be the policy of the Minnetonka School District to hold school on all regularly scheduled days unless highly unusual circumstances make this impractical.
- 2.0 The Superintendent, or designee, may close schools or shorten the school day when, in his best judgment, this is deemed advisable for welfare of the pupils.
 - 2.1 In the event that it becomes unsafe to keep schools open due to inclement weather or other emergency, the schools may be closed for an entire day or be opened at a later time than the usual schedule provides.
 - 2.2 The schools may be closed earlier than normal should a storm or other emergency circumstances develop during a school day.
 - 2.3 The start of school on any day may be delayed if the delay will enable a later safe opening to school.
 - 2.4 In the event a utility failure or some other reason makes it undesirable to hold school, certain buildings or the entire District may be closed for the period of time necessary to alleviate the problem.
- 3.0 Relative to attendance, it shall be understood that it is left entirely to the discretion and judgment of parents as to whether their children shall attend school on cold or stormy days. Normally, attendance procedures for Policy 502: Student Attendance and Truancy need to be followed and the attendance will be counted as an excused absence.
- 4.0 Radio station(s) officially designated for school emergency announcements will be determined by the School Board at the January Organizational meeting. Other stations that request notification will be informed as time permits.
- 5.0 Telephone notification of employees and students may also be used as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent or designee.

Cross References: Policy 502: Student Attendance and Truancy
Policy 503: Attendance Policy for Minnetonka High School

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