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**SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS**

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The superintendent is authorized to close the schools in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies that threaten the safety or health of students or staff members. The superintendent will take such action only after consultation with knowledgeable authorities.

The superintendent also has the authority to delay the opening of any or all schools, or to dismiss them early, due to weather conditions or other emergencies.

In making the decision to close schools, the superintendent will consider many factors, including but not limited to:

* weather conditions, both existing and predicted
* driving, traffic, and parking conditions affecting travel throughout the district
* actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition that would make the

 operation of schools difficult or dangerous

Should inclement weather prohibit the operation of schools for any portion of a school day, all cocurricular, extracurricular, and other school-related activities will be cancelled unless the superintendent or his/her designee waives such cancellation.

The superintendent will make the decision regarding school closings, delays, early-releases, and cancellations as soon as possible and announce the decision to the local news media.

Any school days missed due to snow, other extreme weather conditions, or other emergencies must be made up unless otherwise provided for by law.

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Legal References:

1. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
2. Section 59-1-425 - School terms, school days, make-up days.
3. S.C. State Board of Education Regulations:
4. R43-231 - Defined program, grades K-5.
5. R43-232 - Defined program, grades 6-8.
6. R43-234 - Defined program, grades 9-12.