

Summers County Board of Education Policy

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EMERGENCY CLOSING/DELAY OF SCHOOLS (INCLEMENT WEATHER)

Summers County Schools shall be open for all days scheduled, except when a condition (or conditions) exists that appears to endanger students or board personnel.

Such condition(s) may include prevalence of contagious disease, condition of weather, or any other calamity, cause or event over which the board has no control.

The Superintendent, under any or all of the above conditions, shall have authority to close the Summers County public schools, pursuant to such further policies, rules or regulations the board may adopt.

In addition to the possibility of canceling school, the superintendent may elect to begin the school day with a two-hour or a three-hour delay. In case the school day is delayed, all buses will run either two hour or three hours later than their normal time. Furthermore, parents should be aware that once a delay has been called the possibility remains that school may still be canceled if weather conditions deteriorate rather than improve.

The superintendent will make the announcement the evening before if at all possible, but if weather conditions change during the night an early morning decision will be made. Local radio and television will be notified. The notice will also be posted on the Internet at: wvde.state.wv.us.

County Schools shall be closed on a day-to-day basis.

If schools have been closed or are to be closed due to inclement weather, all extracurricular activities, co-curricular activities, adult education classes, community education events, having been scheduled in buildings or facilities owned, operated, or leased by the Board shall be canceled, including those activities, classes or events which may be held without specific knowledge of or approval by the board.

For the purposes of this policy, "athletic events" shall be defined as all athletic, or sports-related events, which occur as a result of direct student participation (as an extracurricular activity overseen by board employees), including practice, regularly scheduled games, and in- or out-of-county tournament competition, or indirect student participation such as attendance at athletic events held in board owned, operated or leased facilities within the County.

If athletic events are scheduled to be held outside of the county, the decision to participate or cancel will be made by the superintendent after consultation with the coach, athletic director, principal and transportation director.

The decision for varsity and middle school teams to practice or play within the county will be made by the school principal after consultation with the coach and athletic director.

If practices or games are held during inclement weather, the parent has the final authority as to whether a student attends. No make-up conditioning for an absence applies under these conditions. There will be no negative consequences for students who are unable to attend.

If it becomes necessary to reschedule ball games regulated by the State Secondary Schools Activities Commission, it is the policy of this board to permit rescheduling of no more than three games during any full school week, unless the limitation will result in incompleteness of athletic schedules prior to commencement of WVSSAC play-offs. In this event, the Superintendent may grant an exception to this provision of policy, scheduling more than three games during a full (5-day) school week, providing that the number of rescheduled games during a full (5-day) school week cannot exceed five games. This policy shall not be construed as limited only to cancellations arising as a result of inclement weather.

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On or during canceled school days, the board will provide appropriate alternative work schedules for administrators, teachers, and service personnel affected by the closing of any school or schools for reasons enumerated herein. The alternate work schedule and various classification of employees is as follows:

1. All 240-day employees will report on a two-hour delay schedule.
2. All non 240-day employees will report to work on a two hour delay schedule on three hour delay days.
3. All other personnel shall not be required to report to work.
4. Head Custodians shall report for work for two hours for the purpose of checking buildings (heating systems, frozen pipes, etc.) and to remove snow/ice from walks. Head Custodians will receive additional pay for the two hours worked.
5. If school is in session, but a bus route is cancelled, the driver of that bus will report to the bus garage for the amount of time of his daily work schedule.

Canceled school days shall be made up in the manner specified by Summers County Board Policy III-D-2. Regulations. In addition, it shall be the policy of the Summers County Board that any fraction of a canceled school day shall count as a full day paid for substitutes and the regular employee shall be required to count that day as a full day out.

In the event the Governor declares a state of emergency which prohibits travel, it shall be the policy of this board, unless directed otherwise by the WV State Department of Education, that no employee report to work and all full time employees shall receive pay the same as if school were in session.