

CHARTIERS-HOUSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Policy No. 806

Section: OPERATIONS

# POLICY GUIDE

Title: EMERGENCY CLOSING  
OF SCHOOLS

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### 1. PURPOSE

When circumstances of weather, power failure, lack of water or heat, labor disputes, epidemics, or disaster make it either impossible or impractical to open any or all of the schools in the district, or to close those schools already in session, the Superintendent shall have the power to close the school or schools involved.

### 2. RESPONSIBILITY

When any of the previously described circumstances makes a district-wide closing of schools necessary, the Superintendent shall immediately take the necessary steps to notify the school community through all mass media of communications and through whatever other means deemed necessary and advisable.

The following are guidelines for school closings to be considered as conditions dictate:

- When temperature is 0 and/or chill factor is -15, schools should be closed.
- Other emergencies to be considered individually

- Every effort will be made to make decisions about weather related closings by 6:00 a.m.
- When a school day is canceled, the first available day will be used as a makeup day.

During inclement weather and storms, radio stations will broadcast emergency announcements about school closings and openings, bus service, etc.

Administrators, teachers and support staff will be notified of closings of schools by the district telephone chain for cancellation of school.

Telephone chains will be established prior to September 15 of each year.

Administrators and teachers will insure that parents are aware that they must make arrangements for emergencies with their children in the event of an early dismissal at closing due to emergencies. In such cases, the Administration will make every effort to notify parents as soon as possible through mass media and phone chains developed specifically for emergencies.