

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Tyler County Schools shall be open for all scheduled instructional days, except when conditions exist that appear to endanger students. Such conditions may include prevalence of contagious disease, inclement weather, or any other calamitous cause over which the board has no control.

The superintendent, or his/her designee, shall be authorized to make the decision to close schools, under any of the above conditions, if prevailing or potential hazards threaten students' safety and well-being. Every reasonable effort will be made to inform parents, as early as possible, regarding emergency school closing, through such means as television, radio announcements, and the School Messenger system.

If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, all scheduled functions for that day, including ballgames/scrimmages, will also be cancelled, with the following exception:

If an event is scheduled, which cannot be rescheduled due to the nature of its purpose, such as a sectional or regional event, or a tournament, the athletic director and principal will ascertain weather conditions prior to the scheduled event to determine if road conditions may ensure safe travel. The athletic director will then consult with the transportation director and superintendent to determine whether the event may be held at the school site.

For out-of-county-trips, the superintendent shall have the authority to approve the trip, pending road conditions. This will only be permitted when it meets the definition of the exception above.

If the athletic director and the superintendent determine that an athletic practice may be held, the coach will encourage parents to use their own judgment about their child's participation. The coach shall not penalize a student for missing such practice session (s).

Should school be cancelled on a Friday, the ensuing Saturday may be used for scheduled or re-scheduled activities, if weather conditions are favorable.

If students are dismissed early due to inclement weather, all scheduled functions for that day shall be automatically cancelled.

Students' safety must be the primary consideration in making decisions about cancellations due to inclement weather.

The total number of instructional days shall be 180, in accordance with the provisions of state Code 18A-5-2.

If it becomes necessary to re-schedule ballgames regulated by the Secondary School Activities Commission (SSAC), no more than three (3) games shall be played during any full school week, unless this limitation will result in incompleteness of an athletic schedule that would have a bearing on conference titles or SSAC play-offs.

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