

**DISTRICT/SCHOOL CLOSINGS, ACTIVITY RELATED CANCELLATIONS, LATE STARTS  
AND EARLY RELEASES**

School closures, cancellations, late starts and early releases may be implemented in the event of adverse weather, facilities conditions, and other natural and or manmade conditions that may adversely affect the safety, health and welfare of students and staff. The safety, health and welfare of students, staff and their families shall be the primary considerations in determining District closures, cancellations, late starts and/or early releases.

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) authorizes the Superintendent or designee to make the decision on all school closures, delays or early dismissals. Every effort will be made to provide students, staff, families and the public with timely notice of delays and/or closures.

In the event school is started late, students are released early, or school is canceled for the day, parents/guardians are responsible for the custody of their children. When schools are open, parents/guardians may choose to keep their children home or delay their arrival when conditions warrant. Such absences may be excused, and work missed may be made up without penalty, pursuant to Board policy. (see Board Policy JH, Student Absences and Excuses)

In the event school is canceled for a day or the decision is made to close early, the District shall cancel all after-school and evening meetings, activities, community classes, etc.

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to develop regulations and procedures in accordance with this policy.

Exceptions to this policy and accompanying regulation may be made by the Superintendent or designee as deemed necessary

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to add the subject of a closure, delay, and/or dismissal of schools to the next scheduled regular Board meeting agenda to determine whether the closure, delay, and/or dismissal was deemed necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of students and staff.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-109, et al.  
C.R.S. 22-33-104 (1)

CROSS REFS.: EBCE-R, District/School Closings, Activity Related Cancellations, Late Starts, and Early Releases  
GCC, Professional Staff Leaves and Absences  
GCCAA-R, Instructional Staff Sick Leave  
IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar  
JH, Student Absences and Excuses  
JLIB, Student Dismissal Precautions