

Regulation

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Instruction

Inclement Weather

All school buildings and parish offices shall have official weather radios.

The natural disasters most likely to occur and affect school operations are usually limited to severe weather.

Under these circumstances, planning would be needed for these three decisions.

1. Keeping students in school.

When advised to take shelter, a plan needs to inform students exactly where the shelter areas are and to provide a list of actions necessary to move students there. The welfare of the students requires that they remain in school until they can go home safely. If a parent comes to school for a student, the principal shall excuse the student.

2. Dismissing students.

In closing the schools for a disaster or bad weather, administrators will follow the decision of the Superintendent of Public Schools in the locality where the Catholic school is geographically located.

When advised to dismiss students early, a plan should provide for informing the parents and the counseling of the students. If student buses and crossing guards are needed, the plan should provide for obtaining them.

3. Not opening schools.

Elementary and secondary schools will follow the decision of the Superintendent of Public Schools in the locality where the Catholic school is geographically located. Principals will familiarize themselves with the policy and procedures of the local public school district. If a school has students who are bused from multiple public school districts, some within which schools close and some remain open, the Catholic schools will conduct classes for those students who are in attendance.

4. Extracurricular Activities

When a school/religious education program is closed due to severe weather, all after school and evening activities are cancelled.

5. Exception.

If any principal judges that an exception to the above procedures is needed for his/her school, a statement of the problem and reasons for granting the exception to the above rules shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. After evaluation of the case, he/she will inform the principal that an exception to the rules has been granted.

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