

**EMERGENCY CLOSINGS**

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**Policy**

The Orleans Central Supervisory Union Board through its Superintendent may order the closing of any and all schools whose operation on a short-term basis would pose a serious threat to students or staff.

**Implementation**

Such emergencies may be caused by weather conditions, equipment breakdown, bomb threats, or health problems. The Superintendent will also have the authority to delay school opening or dismiss early due to inclement weather or other emergencies.

In all cases, notification will be given to staff and the public according to a predetermined plan developed by the Superintendent. The Board chair will be notified as soon as practicable by the Superintendent when school is closed for emergencies.

All Orleans Central Supervisory Union Board members will be offered the opportunity to receive closing notifications. All Orleans Central Supervisory Union board chairs will receive school closing notifications, unless they choose to opt out.

Days lost due to emergency closings will be rescheduled so that school will be in session as required by state law.

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*Legal Reference(s): Vt. State Board of Education Manual of Rules & Practices §2311*