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Hermon School Department

Closing of School

All schools generally shall be in session Monday through Friday with holidays and vacations as provided in the school calendar. However, the superintendent or his/her appointed representative is authorized to close or delay the opening time of any or all schools when (s)he deems it necessary to do so in order to safeguard the health or safety of students.

Notice of such closing or delay shall be given to all pupils and parents by means of radio and television announcements or by other appropriate means. When possible, such notice shall be given sufficiently in advance to avoid confusion and inconvenience.

It is emphasized, however, that when school is in session, it remains the responsibility of parents to decide whether or not their children shall attend school under the existing conditions:

Regarding scheduled events:

In the event that school is unexpectedly closed on a day that an event is scheduled to occur, two criteria will be considered before determining the feasibility of proceeding with the event: only when (1) the cancellation of the event will cause particular hardship in meeting prescribed deadlines and (2) there is significant improvement in the weather such that roads are clear and travel is **not** discouraged by the Maine State Police. If the event is athletic, the athletic director and the appropriate coach or advisor shall confer and make an initial recommendation to the principal as to whether or not the event should proceed as scheduled. If the event is co-curricular, the principal and advisor shall confer. The principal will evaluate and accept or reject the recommendation and forward it to the superintendent. If the event calls for students to be transported, the principal's recommendation will be forwarded to the director of transportation who will make a determination as to whether or not he/she feels transportation is advisable. The **superintendent will make the final determination** as to whether or not the event is to proceed. If the event does not call for transportation, the maintenance supervisor will be contacted so that custodial arrangements are coordinated. Decisions regarding events shall be made no later than two hours before the departure time for the "traveling team."