

**THE RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW YORK**

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**EMERGENCY CLOSINGS, DELAYED OPENINGS
AND/OR EARLY DISMISSALS**

The Superintendent may close the District schools, dismiss students early or delay the opening of school when hazardous weather or other emergencies threaten student and employee health or safety. The Superintendent may delegate this authority to another staff member in the event of his/her absence.

While it may be prudent, under certain circumstances, to excuse all students from attending school, to delay the opening time, or to dismiss students early, the Superintendent has the responsibility to ensure that administrative, supervisory, and operational activity is continued to the fullest extent possible. Therefore, if conditions affect only a single school, only that school shall be closed.

In making the decision to close, delay the opening of school or dismiss students early, the Superintendent will consider many factors including:

1. Weather conditions, both existing and predicted;
2. Driving, traffic, and parking conditions affecting public and private transportation;
3. Actual occurrence or imminent possibility of any emergency condition that would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous;
4. Inability of teaching personnel to report for duty, which might result in inadequate supervision of students; and
5. Activities of and discussions with consortium and other neighboring districts.

The Superintendent will weigh these factors and take action to close, to dismiss students early or delay the opening of the schools after consultation with the appropriate persons related to the nature of the closing, delayed opening or early dismissal.

Students, parents and staff will be informed early in each school year of the procedures that will be used to notify them in case of emergency closing, delayed opening, or early dismissal of school.

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