

*The superintendent is granted the power by the board to close the schools or dismiss students early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the safety or health of the students or staff.*

*When such emergency closure occurs, the superintendent will bring it to the attention of the board at the next regular meeting for approval.*

Upon approval by the board, up to eleven (11) hours of emergency school closure due to adverse weather conditions and/or facilities failures may be reduced from the annual instructional hour requirements.

If appropriate, the board will request exemption to the required instructional hours, or the reduction thereof, from the state superintendent of public instruction for any school in the district when closure of that school for unforeseen circumstances does not affect the attendance at other district schools.

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**GRACE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 148**

**EMERGENCY WEATHER CLOSURE PROCEDURES**

1. *The Superintendent and Transportation Supervisor will check conditions between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m.*
2. *If road conditions are deemed hazardous to the safety of students on the bus routes, or the temperature is minus twenty degrees or colder, we will very likely close school, especially if a wind chill factor is present.*
3. *Once the Superintendent makes the decision to close, he immediately notifies all principals and classified supervisors.*
  - Secondary Principal*
  - Elementary Principal*
  - Trans. Supervisor*
  - Maintenance Supervisor*
  - Food Services Supervisor*
  - Administrative Secretary.*
4. *The Superintendent will notify the CCSO to send out an Alert Sense message via text and email.*
5. *The Superintendent will then notify the local radio station, KBRV 547-2400 and KIDK TV, 523-8911. KIDK TV now requires a password to insure that the call is legitimate.*
6. *Parents should call the district office at 425-3984 if they have any questions.*
7. *The Superintendent will notify the Board Chair.*
8. *Parents and children should use prudent judgment in the way students are dressed in severe cold, windy and stormy weather. Frost bite can occur very quickly in extreme conditions*



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section 33-512(1)

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*\*Language in text set forth in italics is optional.*