

* *354 — Emergency School Closures: This updated policy adds recent changes to state law that allows school districts to request a waiver of required instructional hours on a district-wide basis where natural occurrences creating unsafe conditions require school closure and a county or state disaster declaration has been issued in one or more counties where the district is located.

The superintendent is granted the power by the board to close the schools or dismiss students early in the event of hazardous weather, natural disasters, 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 an exemption to the required instructional hours, or the reduction thereof, from the state superintendent of public instruction for all schools within the district when districtwide school closures are necessary as a result of natural occurrences creating unsafe conditions for students and when a county or state disaster declaration has been issued for one or more counties in which the district is located. Any such waiver request will include a description of the efforts undertaken by the district to make up lost instructional hours, the range of grades impacted, and the number of hours the district is requesting be waived.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code §Section 33-512(1)

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