

## **SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS**

The executive director is empowered to close the school or any education program or dismiss students early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the safety, health or welfare of students or staff members. It is understood the executive director will take such action only after consultation with appropriate authorities.

Parents, students and staff members must be informed early in each school year as to how they will be notified in the event of emergency closings or early dismissals.

All staff members, except for teachers and personnel who work only on teacher work days or on student days, unless otherwise notified must be required to report to work as soon as possible on emergency days.

In the event school is physically closed due to a public health emergency, all staff with direct student contact or associated with student attendance will not physically report to work unless notified otherwise. Instead, Centennial BOCES will utilize a form of remote instruction. Remote instruction allows students to access lessons provided by, and supported by, their regular teachers and allows students to continue their sequence of learning despite their inability to access facilities.

To ensure all students have the ability to access their lessons via remote instruction, Centennial BOCES will maintain a supply of internet hotspots, provide hardware and/or software, and provide take-home materials/assignments.

During days of remote instruction, teachers will take attendance and monitor student participation. For situations that are out of the control of the student, days of remote instruction will be treated with the same exceptions as an excused absence in regard to work assigned.

The executive director or designee will develop administrative regulations or a plan for implementing this policy.

**LEGAL REFS.:** C.R.S. 22-1-112 school year and national holidays  
C.R.S. 22-5-108 (1)(c) board authority to operate schools and classes  
C.R.S. 22-33-101 et seq. school attendance law  
1 CCR 301-39, Rules 2254-R-2.06 Board may reduce teacher-pupil instructional/contact time; closings deemed by Board necessary for health, safety or welfare of pupils

**CROSS REF.:** IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time

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Centennial BOCES