

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Policy S20: Emergency School Closing
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**SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN AND EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING
PROCEDURES**

- I. **School Safety Plan.** Southwest Georgia S.T.E.M. Charter School will cooperate fully with local emergency management preparedness authorities to develop and implement an emergency management preparedness program which address man-made and natural disasters.
- II. **Emergency Suspension of School Operations or Activities**
 - a. The Governing Board authorizes the school leader to suspend school operations or activities in the event of abnormal conditions, hazardous weather, or other emergencies that threaten the safety, welfare, or health of students or employees and to take whatever measures he/she deems necessary to protect students and staff.
 - b. The school leader shall establish orderly procedures to assure that appropriate communications with students, staff, and other stakeholders are maintained before, during and after the abnormal conditions which could potentially or actually cause suspension of school operations or activities. At a minimum, instruction on obtaining information pertaining to suspension of school operations and activities for students, staff, and other interested parties shall be published in the student and staff handbooks.
 - c. School activities, defined as extracurricular events, activities, clubs, competitions, and the like, held before or after the official school day, shall not be held if normal school operations have been suspended on the same day. The school leader shall communicate with students and parents in a timely manner regarding the cancellation of these activities.
 - d. At the school leader's discretion, school activities as defined above, may be canceled even after operation of a regular school day if conditions exist to warrant such suspension. The school leader shall communicate with students and parents in a timely manner regarding the cancellation of these activities.

