

EASTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: SCHOOL DAY

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804. SCHOOL DAY	
1. Purpose	The normal school day for the instruction of district students shall be in accordance with law and Board policy.
2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 11.2, 11.3 SC 1504	The Board shall establish the times for the daily sessions of district schools.
3. Delegation of Responsibility Title 22 Sec. 11.25 Pol. 204	<p>The regular school session may be altered temporarily by the Superintendent when such change is in the best interests of students and the district.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines that allow students to enter and leave schools under exceptional conditions so that variances with the normal school schedule may be accommodated. Such guidelines shall consider such things as inclement weather, family illness, and other circumstances.</p>
4. Guidelines	<p><u>Emergency Closings, Delays, And Dismissals</u></p> <p>The Superintendent shall be empowered to close the district schools, delay the opening, or dismiss schools early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the health or safety of students and personnel. Such action is never to be taken lightly, for public education is one of the principle functions of a community and should be maintained at a normal level except in extreme circumstances. When this regularity of operation ceases, serious difficulties are caused and the welfare of students may be jeopardized. Schools may not properly be closed merely to avoid inconvenience. While it may be prudent, under certain circumstances, to excuse all students from attending school, to delay the opening hour, or to dismiss students early, the administration has the responsibility to see that as much of the administrative, supervisory, and operational activity is continued as may be possible. Therefore, if conditions affect only a single school, only that school shall be closed.</p>

<p>School Code 1504</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 11.2, 11.3, 11.25</p>	<p>In making the decision to close schools, delay the opening, or dismiss schools early, the Superintendent shall consider many factors, including the following relating to the fundamental concern for the safety and health of students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Weather conditions, both existing and predicted.2. Driving, traffic, and parking conditions affecting public and private transportation facilities.3. Actual occurrence or imminent possibility of an emergency condition which would make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous. <p>In all cases, the Superintendent shall inform the Board President as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall weigh these factors and shall take action to close the schools, delay the opening, or dismiss schools early, only after consultation with traffic and weather authorities, the transportation administration and school officials from neighboring districts, if necessary. Students, parents/guardians, and staff shall be informed early in each school year of the procedures which will be used to notify them in case of an emergency closing, delay or dismissal. When schools are closed, delayed, or dismissed for emergency reasons, staff members shall comply with administrative directives in reporting for work.</p>
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