# SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO EMERGENCY OR SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS PROCEDURES

Per School Policy EBCE, the school district may dismiss school early in the event of severe weather, power failures, or other emergencies (such as loss of public utilities). Parents/guardians should make advanced arrangements for their children in case of emergency school closures. Children should know where to go if a parent/guardian will not be home and how to contact parents/guardians. Information pertaining to such arrangements, along with parent/guardian contact information (including work telephone numbers) should be kept up-to-date with your child's school. In no case will an elementary school child be released without proper identification and clearance from the school district. Other individuals picking students up from school may also be asked to present photo ID.

Since parents/guardians are the primary protectors of their children, they will need to decide what is best for their children regardless of any decision made by the school district. The option to keep children home when weather conditions are extreme is a decision to be made at the discretion of parents/guardians and the school district understands and respects such decisions. Parents/guardians can contact their child's school to arrange for an excused student absence.

**When School is closed:**

- All activities scheduled in the district facilities will be cancelled for that day and evening.
- District sports events and team practice will be postponed.
- Before/After school day care programs at the schools will be cancelled.

**Early Dismissal:**

- If serious storm conditions or other emergency situations develop during the day, the school district will monitor the situation and advise affected schools and the school district's transportation department as soon as possible, of a decision to dismiss school early. When this decision is made, this information will be posted on the school's web site, recorded on the applicable phone lines, and sent to the media as soon as possible.
- Parents/guardians will fill out the Weld School District Re-4 Early Dismissal Student Form when they register their children at the beginning of each school year at registration, alerting the school district as to how their child will be getting home in the event of early dismissal. Parents/guardians are responsible for keeping the information on this form updated throughout the school year so that the school district knows how to proceed when school closes early due to an emergency.

**Late Dismissal:**

- In case of dangerous weather warnings or other dangerous conditions, a school may keep students past their dismissal time for safety reasons. This information will be posted on the school web site, recorded on the applicable phone lines and sent to the radio and television stations as soon as possible.

**Closures and announcements can be found on:**

| ***Radio Stations*** | ***TV Stations*** | ***Web Site*** |
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| K99 | WB2 | www.weldre4.k12.co.us |
| TRI 102 | Channel 4 | |
| KFKA 1310 | Channel 7 | |
| KOA 850 | Channel 9 | |
| KUNC 91.5 | | |
| KCOL | | |

Please complete the enclosed form which will inform your child's school of the emergency-school-closure-plan that you have discussed with your child. A form needs to be completed for each child, so that each of their appropriate teachers will have this information available to them. Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that their child's school has updated information on this form.

If an emergency closing occurs during the school day, the local media will communicate this closing as soon as possible. It is likely that many parents/guardians will not know this condition exists. We strongly encourage families to listen to the radio when the weather is inclement. Parents/guardians always have the right to keep their children at home if there is a safety concern.