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Emergency School Closure

This applies to:

Americas

Modification date

Fri, 06/23/2023 - 12:00

This policy is under review

Emergency school closure occurs when unforeseen circumstances such as broken water pipes, flooding, loss of power, severe weather, etc., warrant closure to be initiated during non-school hours. The decision to close the school is made through input from the administrators, our superintendent, and the Commander. An announcement of the closure will be broadcast on TV and/or radio, DNS, and through the base command units.

The DoDEA Notification System (DNS) allows for each school to contact all of their parents and/or staff with one phone message through an automatic dialing system. At the District level it allows a message to be sent to all parents and/or staff in the same method. This allows greater security and sharing of information with parents and staff. There is a Point of Contact (POC) at each location that has the necessary codes to access the system.

There are situations in which school may be canceled during school hours. Once again, this decision is made by the individuals stated above. Once the decision has been made to release students, staff members will alert all classrooms. Students who ride the bus will be released to board the bus at a set time. For those students who walk, ride a bike, or are picked up, they may be released once their parent/guardian has been contacted and agree

with that process. If we are unable to reach a student's parent/guardian by the time teachers are released, the teacher will bring them to the office and the office staff will assist in contacting the parent. For these emergencies **STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN BEING NOTIFIED**. As stated before, please ensure all contact numbers are updated at all times with both your child's teacher and the school office.

Related regulations

School Closure

This applies to:

Dahlgren

Modification date

Sat, 12/30/1899 - 12:00

This policy is under review

Off

We do not run by the closures and time statements for King George County Schools.

In case of snow or hazardous weather conditions, Dahlgren School will, as a general rule, be open when the base is open, and closed when the base is closed. The school may also be closed if personnel cannot safely make it to the base due to the weather conditions immediately outside of the Dahlgren area. There may also be occasions when the school has a delayed opening. "Everbridge" will be used to call, text and email each family in regard to delayed openings or closures. Please ensure that your email and telephone numbers are up to date in the school office. Home phones and cell phones can be placed in the contact information for this system.

If it is announced that the base will close early the school will also dismiss early. Please update your emergency contact information regularly. Arrangements should be made ahead of time for those children living off base to be picked up early and to ensure that younger children whose parents both work have a safe place to go during such school weather closings.

Call the following 24-hour alert telephone number for the status of the base (540) 653-3224. When an emergency, winter, tropical or severe storm develops overnight the information is updated by 7:30 am. Emergency information can also be found on the base website and Dahlgren's Facebook page.

The DoDEA Americas Mid-Atlantic District New York/ Virginia is not a part of King George County, Stafford County, Fredericksburg County, or any of the other counties surrounding Dahlgren. Therefore, announcements pertaining to these school systems do not affect Dahlgren School. In addition, announcements from OPM with respect to Washington, DC area Federal Offices DO NOT pertain to Dahlgren School.

Note: In case school is closed temporarily because of an epidemic, snow, or for other necessary cause, the District Superintendent may require such loss of time to be made up within the school term or may extend the school term.

Related regulations

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