

5.0500 INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47

Cross References: 5.0400 News Media Relations
7.4895 Absences Due To Inclement Weather

The Board recognizes that certain circumstances require and/or force the closing of school despite the provisions of the adopted and approved school calendar. Chief among these circumstances are those imposed on the school by the advent of inclement weather which makes driving on the roads in and around southern Granville County difficult and/or dangerous.

The chief FLA administrator is empowered by the Board to evaluate conditions and circumstances and to make any and all decisions about the emergency closing of Falls Lake Academy due to inclement weather or any other conditions which may require or force the closing of school. He/She shall develop procedures for the temporary closing of school because of inclement weather or for any other unforeseen occurrence which presents a threat to the safety of students, staff or property. Such procedures shall include notification of parents, the news media, and other interested parties of any decision to close school as soon as it is feasible to do so under the circumstances. A description of these procedures shall be included each year in the Student-Parent Handbook.

In many cases, Falls Lake Academy will be subject to the same weather-related and other emergency situations as the Granville County and/or Durham County school systems. For that reason, the chief FLA administrator is instructed to consider carefully any decision by the Granville County Schools' and/or the Durham Public Schools' superintendent(s) to close those schools, and to evaluate as thoroughly as possible the possible implications of that/those closure(s) in making any decision to close Falls Lake Academy or to remain open in the face of circumstances advising that/those decision(s).

Once the decision to cancel a full day of school, close school early, or open school late is made, the administrative procedures designed to notify parents and the news media shall commence immediately. The Board chair shall be among the first people notified of this decision.