

**EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOLS****8.18\***

In case of an emergency, the Superintendent/designee is authorized to close any school or all schools and to dismiss a school(s) prior to the regular daily dismissal hour. Except that, the principal may dismiss the school when the Superintendent or designee cannot be contacted and an extreme emergency exists endangering the health, safety, or welfare of students. Any such early dismissal made by the principal shall be reported immediately to the Superintendent's office with a statement describing the reasons for early dismissal. Such report shall be submitted to the School Board at its next regular meeting unless a special meeting is held relating to the emergency.

- I. In a declared state of emergency, school personnel shall maintain control of students until these students are released from school or in the case of transported students, until they depart from the school bus.
  
- II. The principal shall cooperate with Civil Defense and Red Cross authorities during a natural or man-made disaster. If a riot or similar situation occurs, the principal shall cooperate with the law enforcement authorities.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:****1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.****LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:****125.56, CHAPTER 633, 1001.43, 1013.12, F.S.****HISTORY:****ADOPTED: 6/12/2007**  
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