

## **LIONSGATE ACADEMY**

### **601 CLOSING OF SCHOOL POLICY**

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#### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the power of the executive director or designee to close any or all Lionsgate facilities or to dismiss students and staff early in the event of hazardous weather or conditions that threaten the health and safety of students and Lionsgate personnel. The executive director or designee is responsible for the development of closing procedures and guidelines to be used in the event of facilities closing.

Lionsgate Academy draws students from more than 30 school districts in the metropolitan area. Therefore, emergency weather conditions may have a greater impact on the safety of Lionsgate students who must travel on major roads throughout the twin cities area.

#### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. The following considerations are taken into account when closing or modifying the school day:
  - a. Current and imminent weather and road conditions
  - b. Current and imminent emergency situations that would make the operation of facilities dangerous
  - c. Inability of adult personnel to report for duty, which might result in inadequate operation of facilities and deficient supervision of students.
- B. Emergency closing procedures and routines will be publicized each school year in the Student & Family Handbook and the Staff Handbook.
- C. Employees will be notified separately of expected attendance in the case of any modification to the school day (closed, late arrival, early dismissal).
- D. Parent/guardians may elect to keep their student home during inclement weather when the school is open if they have concerns for their student's safety. The school should be notified immediately. These absences will be considered excused and any work missed will be eligible to be made up without penalty.