

**ARTICLE 11**  
**Emergency School Closing**

The Superintendent of Schools shall exercise full authority granted under Section 1001.42, 1973, Florida Statutes as amended, to close any or all schools during an emergency. When emergencies arise and the Superintendent decides to close any or all schools, the Superintendent shall immediately notify the School Board of the action taken and the reason therefore and immediately implement administrative procedures which will include announcements over local television and radio stations when such services are made available, in order to alert personnel, students, parents and the community.

Nothing in this Article shall require the Board to keep schools open in the event of severe inclement weather or when otherwise prevented by an act of God and nothing shall require educational support professionals to report to work in such circumstances.

When one (1) or more schools or school offices are officially closed by the Superintendent, the employees are not required to report; no leave days previously arranged by an employee will be deducted for such emergency days.

When the emergency closing results in a day or days off for employees, necessary amendments to the calendar shall be made to coincide with the amendments to the calendar for instructional personnel. During the time of a declared emergency, educational support professionals shall be eligible for Declared Emergency Leave in accordance with School Board Policy 4412.