

## **School Day**

### ***Length of Day***

The School Committee shall establish the length of the school day in compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations. The Superintendent shall determine the official school hours for each school, taking into consideration grade level expectations and curricular demands, availability of school facilities, transportation and staff schedules.

### ***Emergency Procedures***

The Superintendent has the discretion to close the schools, to delay their opening, or to dismiss students early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies which threaten the health or safety of students and personnel.

The Superintendent is authorized to evacuate a school or schools and move students temporarily to another location in the event of an emergency that threatens the health or safety of students and personnel at that building.

Students, parents or guardians, and staff shall be informed at the beginning of each school year of the procedures that shall be used to notify them in case of emergency closing, whether action is taken before or during school hours.

Legal Reference:

MGL 71:1, 4A, 37.

603 CMR 27 Et. Seq.

Belmont Emergency response manual

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