

EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY STATEMENT

SUBJECT: **Early Closure/Safe Evacuation**

DATE OF ADOPTION: May 10, 2006

EFFECTIVE DATE: **May 10, 2006**

SUPERSEDES:

CROSS REFERENCE:

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The Eastern School District recognizes that it has a responsibility to ensure the safe evacuation of students from schools when schools close early due to inclement weather and/or other exceptional circumstances.

1. Subject to the annual approval of the Superintendent or designate, schools in the Eastern School District will develop and implement early closure procedures according to the regulations to ensure that no student is released from school property in a manner which violates any Board policy.
2. When developing the required procedures, schools must take into consideration the existing Board Transportation Policies for those students who walk, who are transported on Eastern School District buses, and who use pre-approved public or private modes of transportation.
3. In the event that a teacher, school employee, school official or volunteer, feels that a child should not be released from a school for safety reasons, the principal, or designate, shall make the final decision in that regard using the "responsible parent" criteria.
4. It shall be the responsibility of the school principal or designate to ensure that all relevant board policies are followed, that workable procedures are in place and that these procedures are communicated on a regular basis to school staff, parents/ guardians, students or any other authority with legal responsibility for a student as well as to Eastern School District officials.

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