

# LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: SCHOOL DAY

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804. SCHOOL DAY										
1. Purpose	The normal school day for the instruction of the pupils of this district shall be in accordance with law and with the following guidelines.									
2. Authority Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 11.2, 11.3 SC 1504	<p>The schools of the district shall normally be in session according to the following times as approved by the Board:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Building</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Pupil Time</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Teacher Time</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Middle - High School</td> <td>7:42 – 2:25</td> <td>7:00 – 2:30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Line Mountain Elementary</td> <td>9:00 – 3:30</td> <td>8:15 – 3:45</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Pupil Time</u>	<u>Teacher Time</u>	Middle - High School	7:42 – 2:25	7:00 – 2:30	Line Mountain Elementary	9:00 – 3:30	8:15 – 3:45
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3. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The regular school session may be temporarily altered by the Superintendent when such alteration is in the best interests of the district. Any alteration of the schedule shall be reported to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.</p> <p>The Superintendent or his/her designee may close the schools, delay the opening of schools, or dismiss school early for emergency reasons and to protect the health and safety of students and staff members, and shall prepare rules for the proper and timely notification of concerned persons in the event of such emergency closing.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall develop guidelines, which allow students to enter schools, and to leave schools, under exceptional conditions so that variances with the normal schedule can be accommodated. Such guidelines shall consider such things as inclement weather, family illness, and other similar circumstances.</p> <p>The Superintendent or his/her designee is empowered to close the district schools or to dismiss them early in the event of hazardous weather or other emergencies, which threaten the health and safety of students and personnel. Such action is never to be taken lightly, for public education is one of the principle functions of the community and should be maintained at a normal level, except in extreme circumstances. When this regularity of operation ceases, serious difficulties are caused and the welfare of students may be jeopardized. Schools may not properly be closed merely to avoid inconveniences. While it may be prudent under certain circumstances, to excuse all students from attending school, to delay the opening hour, or to dismiss students</p>									

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early, the administration has the responsibility to see that as much of the administrative, supervisory, and operational activity is continued as may be possible. Therefore, if conditions affect only a single school, consideration should be given to closing only that school.

In making the decision to close any school or adjust the hours of any school, the Superintendent or his/her designee should, among other factors or conditions s/he deems relevant, consider the following conditions when making a decision to close schools or to adjust hours:

1. Weather conditions, both existing and predicted, if applicable.
2. Driving traffic, parking conditions, affecting public and private transportation.
3. Actual occurrence of imminent possibility of any emergency conditions which would, in the judgment of the Superintendent, make the operation of schools difficult or dangerous.
4. Number of teacher and non-teaching personnel reporting for duty, and the resultant effect on the adequate supervision of students.
5. Number of activities in relationship to enrollment.

In the event that all district schools are closed for a weather or other emergency, all extra-curricular and/or athletic events as applicable are to be cancelled unless in the judgment of the Superintendent or designee conditions improve during the course of the day to such an extent that voluntary practices or scheduled contests may be safely conducted.

Tournaments and events not part of the normal school program shall be scheduled as appropriate.