

# School Closings

(Marshall Public Schools Student Handbook)



## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- How do you find out about school closings?
- Where do your school-age children go if school closes early?

### Definitions:

- Announcement – a public notice that makes something known
- Dismiss – to tell or allow to leave

## Reading

There will always be an announcement on the radio when school is closed or starting late.

16 The FM radio stations that have these announcements are 99.7 KKCK, 105.1 KARL, and 107.5  
31 KARZ. The AM radio stations that have these announcements are 1400 KMHL and 830 WCCO.  
46 These same radio stations will also carry news of school being dismissed early.

59 Announcements will be made around 7:00 a.m. or earlier. School closing decisions are  
72 made by the Marshall Superintendent of Schools. These decisions are made because of students'  
86 safety. Please do not call school secretaries or teachers about school closings. Turn on your radio.  
102 Listen to your radio.

106 Please talk with your child about where he or she should go in case school dismisses  
122 students early. Children are **let-out** of school early if the weather gets bad, for example heavy  
138 snow and wind. When this happens, children need to know where to go. Should they still go  
155 home? Will someone be there? Will they be able to get in?

167 If you need to find a different place for your child to go when school “let’s-out” early, do so  
186 now. Your child needs to know the plans you have made. Your child may be able to go to a friend  
207 or neighbor’s home if you are not available. It is very important to talk with your child about what  
226 your family’s plan is when school is dismissed early.

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## Understanding

1. Who decides when schools will close? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How can you find out about school closings? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Why would students be dismissed early? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Who should you not call to find out about school closings? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What does **let-out** mean in this article? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What AM radio stations have news of school closings? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Where would your children go if school was dismissed early? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Writing

In your own words, summarize the important facts to remember about school closings.

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