

1 Joint School District No. 2, Meridian  
2 Meridian Technical Charter High School, Inc. has adopted West Ada's (Joint School District No. 2) policy.  
3 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

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7 Policy Title Adverse Conditions and Emergency Closures Code No. 601.20

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10 District policy conforms to Idaho Code 33-512 regarding governance of schools when  
11 adverse weather, facility failures of other conditions interfere with normal operations.  
12 Policy is designed to keep the district in conformance with state law regarding the  
13 number of hours of instruction required in any school year.

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15 Idaho Code 33-512 allows the district board of trustees to reduce annual instructional  
16 hours required up to a total of eleven (11) hours for emergency school closures due to  
17 adverse weather conditions and facility failures. Eleven hours are the equivalent of two  
18 school days.

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20 School emergencies will be declared after consulting with public safety authorities such  
21 as law enforcement, weather service and highway officials. When emergency  
22 conditions, such as hazardous roads make school closure necessary, the media will be  
23 informed as soon as possible.

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25 Employees will work on closure days unless otherwise directed by school officials.

26 Exceptions include:

- 27 • Employees working less than 179 days
- 28 • Employees working less than 4 hours per day
- 29 • Bus drivers
- 30 • Bus driver aides
- 31 • Noon duty aides
- 32 • Signing Interpreters
- 33 • Overcrowded aides
- 34 • Safe school assistants

35 These employees will not work during emergency closures and they will not be paid.

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37 Where emergency conditions extend beyond the time limitations covered in Idaho Code  
38 33-512, the following procedures will be followed:

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40 A third day of emergency closure occurring prior to January 10 will be made up  
41 by holding school on the Martin Luther King holiday. A third day of closure after  
42 January 10 will be made up by holding classes on the President's Day holiday in  
43 February. If the emergency closure causes school to be made up on a special  
44 day, all school building level personnel shall not work on the 3rd emergency  
45 closure day. Four days of emergency closure will be made up by holding class  
46 on both holidays,

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48 Where conditions exhaust the number of hours which can be made up by utilizing  
49 the Martin Luther King Day and President's Day holidays, the board of trustees  
50 will extend each school day from February 1 to the end of the school year by an

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amount needed to allow each grade level to meet Idaho code 33-512 requirements for instructional hours.

In the case of extremely hazardous conditions, the board grants the authority to the Superintendent to declare that all employees will not be required to report to work that day.

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Legal Reference: Code of Idaho

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