



Policy 16

School Closure

The Board may from time to time be required to close existing schools or to realign attendance areas to ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Division.

Specifically:

1. The process for the closure of schools is outlined in the Alberta Education, Closure of Schools Regulation. Prior to any decision on a school closure or realignment of attendance areas, the Superintendent will review the Regulation and ensure that the process followed by the Board is in compliance.
2. The decision on whether to close a school or to discontinue a grade or grades shall be based upon the following considerations:
 - 2.1 Unnecessary costs are incurred by the Board in maintaining the school and the educational program.
 - 2.2 The ability to provide an adequate educational program to the students in attendance.
 - 2.3 The comfort and/or safety of the students.
3. All schools will be reviewed prior to December of each year in order to determine if further action needs to be taken on the matter of closure or the nature of the educational program that will be provided.
4. Following the procedures outlined in the Regulation and the requirements of this policy, the motion on school closure will be dealt with at a regular meeting of the Board.

Legal Reference: Section 58, School Act – RSA 2000
Alberta Education Regulation 238/97, Closure of Schools Regulation