

To: Parents/Staff Members
 From: David C. Havird
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 Re: School Closings/Make-up Days

The S.C. General Assembly has amended S.C. Code of Laws § 59-1-425 (HB 3890) as it relates to school closings due to snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions.

All districts must set aside three days in the annual academic calendar to be used as make-up days. The first three days missed due to snow, extreme weather or other disruptions, must be made up. The make-up days for this school year in Anderson School District One are March 25 and June 6 & 7, 2016.

If more than three days are missed, the local school board of trustees, by a majority vote, may waive no more than three days. However, the new law allows the local school board of trustees to make up missed days by lengthening the school day or by operating on a Saturday.

The State Board of Education has the authority to waive three additional make up days beyond the three forgiven by the local school district upon request. Every district must report all missed days, reasons for the closure, days made up, and days waived to the Office of Federal and State Accountability no later than April 15th of each year. In summary, the chart below provides action to be taken and the responsible party regarding school make-up days.

School Closing	Action to be Taken	Responsible Party
1-3	Must be made up in the school year	Superintendent and Local School Board of
4-6	Waive missed days OR Extend the school day or Saturday school	Local School Board of Trustees <i>(a majority vote is required for waiver)</i>
7-9	District requests SBE	State Board of Education