

E. Emergency/Disaster Day Waivers

Statutes and Regulation	Description
KRS 158.060	School month and school day; duty-free lunch period; non-teaching time for teachers
KRS 158.070	School term; holidays and days closed; continuing education for certain students
702 KAR 7:125	Pupil Attendance – Weather Days
702 KAR 7:140	School Calendar – Emergency Day Waiver (Disaster Day)

Weather Days

If a school district has low attendance due to inclement weather, they must certify that low attendance was due to inclement weather by selecting an “L” Day Event in one of the calendars, which will substitute prior year's ADA for up to ten (10) designated low attendance days. Documentation that the low attendance was due to inclement weather is to be kept at central office.

Note: School districts must review the number weather days missed over the last five (5) years and include the highest number of weather days missed in their Original calendars.

Districtwide Emergency Day Waiver – (Disaster Days)

A school district shall not be granted an emergency day waiver unless the district has missed more than twenty (20) regular student attendance days districtwide, and the district has demonstrated that an extreme hardship would result if the district is not granted an emergency day waiver. The local school district shall make up at least the first twenty (20) regular student attendance days missed in a school year by adding these equivalent hours back into the school calendar. **A local board of education request for a districtwide emergency day waiver shall be submitted to the Commissioner for approval via email or by mailing a hard-copy.** A copy of the local board order shall accompany this request. An approved emergency day waiver shall be the length of the student attendance day established in the local board approved calendar. The request should include a description of the emergency requiring the districtwide closing, a copy of documentation that supports the need for the emergency closing and a copy of the local board order supporting the request.

School Emergency Day Waiver

A local board of education may request an emergency day waiver if one (1) school, or part of the district, is forced to miss school on a particular student attendance day due to an emergency. **The request shall be submitted to the Commissioner via email or by mailing a hard-copy.** A copy of the local board order shall accompany this request. An approved emergency day waiver shall be the length of the student attendance day established in the school board approved calendar. The request should include the school name(s), a description of the emergency requiring the closing of the school(s), a copy of documentation that supports the need for the emergency closing and a copy of the local board order supporting the request.