



Responsible Office: Office of Operations

BOARD POLICY 7086
SCHOOL CLOSURE

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees (Board) is committed to the effective and efficient management of all school facilities. If conditions arise that warrant the temporary or permanent closure of a school, this Board Policy establishes the guidelines to be followed for any closure of schools in the Washoe County School District (District).

POLICY

1. The Board has the primary responsibility to operate the facilities of the Washoe County School District (District) in an effective and fiscally efficient manner while maintaining the highest levels of academic opportunities for all students in a safe educational atmosphere.
2. In fulfilling this responsibility there may at times be conditions requiring the Board to consider the closure or consolidation of a school including:
 - a. Declining enrollment;
 - b. Age and/or physical condition of the school facility which impacts annual operating costs and/or the cost to bring a school up to current educational building facility standards;
 - c. Changing the use of a school; and/or
 - d. Changing the location of a school.
3. As a result, the Board may wish to consider the closure or consolidation of one or more schools to better meet the educational and fiscal goals of the District. Closure consideration due to a school's academic performance shall be addressed under a separate policy.
4. The Board recognizes that the permanent closure of a school is a difficult proposition for the students, parents, employees, and the school's neighborhood. The Board shall consider pertinent facts and outcomes associated with the possible closure of a school and involve the community in each phase of the closure process while maintaining compliance with adopted District procedures and applicable sections of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

1. This Board Policy reflects the goals of the District's Strategic Plan and aligns/complies with the governing documents of the District.
2. This Board Policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 241, Meetings of State and Local Agencies.
3. This Board Policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), to include:
 - a. NRS Chapter 393, School Property, and specifically;
 - i. NRS 393.080, General powers of board of trustees; notice required to close school or change location or use of school; and
 - ii. NRS 393.085, Decision to close or change use of school: Hearing for reconsideration by board of trustees; judicial review.

POLICY HISTORY

Date	Revision	Modification
06/23/2009	1.0	Adopted
05/07/2012	2.0	Revised: Changed from BOT-P085 to 7086, under the Office of Logistics and Operations
08/19/2015	2.1	Revised: Changed responsibility to Office of Operations
07/26/2022	3.0	Revised: Update format and clarify language to align with NRS and NAC