



WCCA Board of Governors' Policy

Title:	College Closure
Division:	General Institutional
Category:	Safety and Security
Reference:	Board Policy 116 (Delegation of Authority to the College President)
Number:	Board Policy 716
Date of Approval:	August 20, 2025
Approval:	John P. Stinner, President, WCCA Board of Governors

Purpose

To establish the principles that govern the decision to close Western Nebraska Community College.

Scope

This policy applies to the entire WNCC community, including students, employees, affiliates, tenants, other occupants, and visitors to the main campus or designated College locations.

Definitions

College closure – All classes, meetings, and events are canceled and all support services other than those essential for ensuring housing, food, and safety for campus residents are closed.

Modified operations - Physical locations will be closed except for essential services; classes and other academic programming may be conducted online.

Essential Functions – Identified as residence life, food services, facilities operations, custodial services, security services, payroll, or required institutional governance meetings or tasks.

Policy

The safety and well-being of Western Nebraska Community College students, employees, and visitors are paramount to the College. At the same time, the College also has a responsibility to

preserve the integrity of its educational mission and therefore will attempt to maintain operations to the greatest extent possible.

In the event of a weather, safety, or facility emergency that poses or has the potential to pose a danger to the College community; that severely impacts the ability of students and employees to learn or work; or when conditions prevent significant numbers of students and employees from traveling to class or work, WNCC may close or modify operations at one or more of its locations.

The President or their designee has the authority to close the College and any of its locations or declare geographic emergencies due to inclement weather, safety, or another emergency. Official start and end times for the closures will be determined by the President or their designee.

Procedures

The College President shall promulgate such procedures as may be necessary for the implementation of this policy.

Revising this Policy

This Board Policy supersedes any prior WNCC policy, procedure, guideline, or handbook on this subject matter.

If statutory provisions, regulatory guidance, or court interpretations change or conflict with this Board Policy, the Board retains the right to revise accordingly and for the changes to take effect immediately.

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Divisions/Department Responsible for Review and Update: Administrative Services

Sponsoring Division/Department: Administrative Services

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Cross Reference:

Procedure(s) for Policy:

AP-716.01 (Campus Closure Procedure)

Related Policies/References: