Employee Questions/Comments

2100-College Closing-Inclement Weather

Questions/Comments #1

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Procedure Statement:

Employees and students who face hazardous conditions and/or unusual circumstance as a result of inclement weather are expected to contact the appropriate supervisor or faculty member to make arrangements to be absent or arrive late.

Employee Comments to Statement:

This is a classroom policy issue. I tell students that if it is unsafe to travel or if they are sick they should stay away from the classroom. This, however, doesn't change their attendance mark. I mark them absent (or tardy) and it is not excused.

I also believe that the policy as stated is unworkable. The best students would expect a reply stating my permission and would travel if they didn't receive such permission from me. Less motivated students would send an email or just assume that I knew the weather was bad and that is why they aren't there. I can have up to four back to back classes. I don't have time to check my email in-between classes.

An alternative that I believe causes more harm than good would be to designate certain days when the weather is bad, but there is no college closure as "excused weather absence days." Thinking like an 18-year-old, I would take full advantage of such a policy and believe that it is not a good alternative.

Procedure Statement:

Students in this program are to notify their college instructor concerning missed coursework.

Employee Comments to Statement:

This is not necessary. If there is communication that needs to be sent regarding a cancelled class, it should be posted in the course shell and/or sent via email to all students in the class. I don't want 20 students each contacting me regarding a snow day. I am not opposed to a statement that requires or expects the instructor post such a note or send an email.

Does there need to be a statement that College Advantage courses taught by FT/Adjunct Barton Faculty (Non-high school faculty) are cancelled if the college is closed, but the H.S. is open? And that the course will be taught if the High School is open and it is being taught by an instructor that is not traveling?

	Does there need to be a statement about cancelling courses taught at correctional facilities? Or should that be handled by the BASIC's Staff? FYI – I have had courses cancelled due to prison lockdown and by inclement weather. At ECF my courses are generally in the evening and meet only 15 times. The time class was cancelled for weather, the morning weather that caused the closure of the campus was not an issue at 5:30 when I would have been headed to ECF.
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