

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

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5 Air Quality Restrictions on Outdoor Activities, Practice and Competition

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7 Each school district is responsible for ensuring the safety of its students and student athletes  
8 when participating in physical education, recess, practices or athletic contests.

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10 The Board of Trustees and the Superintendent or designee shall use the Recommendations for  
11 Outdoor Activities Based on Air Quality for Schools guidelines, developed by DEQ and the  
12 DEQ's Air Data map, as the determining factor when making a decision to allow or not allow  
13 students to participate in outdoor activities and contests.

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15 The Board of Trustees and Superintendent or designee have developed the following protocol for  
16 determination of allowing students and student athletes to participate in outdoor activities when  
17 Air Quality Restrictions have reached the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher categories as  
18 indicated on the DEQ guidelines.

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20 1. The Great Falls Public School District shall use the Montana DEQ health effect  
21 categories to determine the air quality for the District.  
22 2. The following personnel shall make the decision to hold or cancel outdoor activities,  
23 practices, or contests:  
24 a. Recess - Assistant Superintendent for TK-6  
25 b. Middle School practices – Athletic Director  
26 c. Middle School contests – Athletic Director  
27 d. High School practices – Athletic Director  
28 e. High School contests – Athletic Director  
29 f. All outdoor activities – Superintendent or designee  
30 3. Cancellation of activities is evaluated hourly by district personnel. District personnel will  
31 attempt to provide advanced notice of event cancellation to accommodate the travel plans  
32 of GFPS families/coaches as well as guests traveling to GFPS to participate.  
33 4. The notice to hold or cancel an outdoor activity shall be communicated to:  
34 a. Students through school officials.  
35 b. Staff through school communication tools.  
36 c. Coaches through the Athletic Director.  
37 d. Parents through Blackboard and District social media sites.  
38 e. Community through District social media sites.  
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40 The Superintendent or designee is authorized to establish a procedure to limit the infiltration of  
41 outside air into each school during poor quality conditions.

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43 Legal References:

44 10.55.701(q), ARM Board of Trustees  
45 37.111.827, ARM Outdoor Air Quality

46 <https://svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair/>

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