

## Lightning Dismissal for MRMS

Mountain Ridge Middle School follows DCSD Lightning Dismissal Protocol and CHSAA guidelines. When lightning is within an 8 mile radius of our school, a delayed dismissal will be in place until lightning is no longer within an 8 mile radius for at least 30 minutes. All students will remain indoors (unless walking to a bus) until we receive the "ALL CLEAR" notification.

- Mountain Ridge Middle School will notify parents via School Messenger of a lightning dismissal by 2:15pm or as soon as we know.
- A School Messenger notification will be sent once the "All Clear" notification has been received.

**Parent/guardian pick up** and other adults over the age of 18 (with parent/guardian permission in Infinite Campus) may pick up their children/younger siblings during a lightning delay at their own risk. Please wait until the school day ends. Siblings under the age of 18 who arrive to pick up a younger sibling will be asked to stay in the building and will NOT be released.

- Parent vehicles will be forming a double pick up lane during the delayed dismissal.
- Parents need to remain in their vehicles at all times
  - If a parent needs to leave their vehicle, park in a designated parking space so as to not hinder traffic progression and ensure safety for all involved.
- MRMS staff will direct the vehicles and obtain the student name(s) to be released
- The student names will be given to MRMS staff members inside the school to call the student for dismissal from the commons area.

**Bus riders:** The DCSD Transportation will be responsible for making a decision regarding students safely departing at their bus stop, the school bus is considered a shelter location, and may hold the students on the bus if the weather threat is imminent.

- Mountain Ridge Middle School may release or hold bus riders depending on the immediate threat.
- The School Messenger notification will indicate if the bus riders will be released to their bus or held inside the building.

**Walkers:** The school will monitor the weather situation in accordance to the proximity from their building but cannot guarantee the lightning in relation to all students' final destination.

- MRMS will hold all students not released to a bus or to parents until the "All Clear" has been received.
- The students will be reminded to call their parents, once the "All Clear" has been received, that they are on their way home.

### **After school athletics and clubs**

Outdoor activities shall be suspended and students and personnel will be moved indoors until the "ALL CLEAR" notification is received.

- MRMS will continue with the sport or club indoors until the scheduled event ends.
  - Students will be released at the normal sport/club release time if the weather threat is "All Clear"
  - If the weather threat is imminent, students will be released to parents when the parent has arrived to pick them up.
  - As games/contests are typically scheduled for 4PM, they may still be held as weather often moves quickly through our area. Any cancellations will be communicated through the coaches and Athletic Director.