



SPRING & FALL WEATHER PROCEDURES



Highlights of the WPS emergency weather safety procedures are noted here.
For greater detail, visit the district's website at www.usd259.org/weather.

LIGHTNING PROCEDURES

- Principals, athletic directors and coaches monitor weather during practices and competitions. Activity is stopped if **lightning** creates threatening conditions.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

During bad weather, parents will be kept informed through several channels:

- ParentLink** – phone, e-mail, text and mobile app notification
- District website – www.usd259.org
- District social media – **X (@wichitausd259)**, **Facebook (/wichitapublicschools)** and **Spanish Facebook (/escuelaspublicasdewichitausd259)**
- WPS **mobile app** (for iPhone or Android) and follow district notifications
- Local media

PARENTS:

To receive emergency notifications, make sure your contact information is updated in **ParentVUE** by going online or contacting your child's school.

If you have questions about winter weather procedures or shelter locations at your child's school, please visit with your principal.

TORNADO SHELTER PROCEDURES

Everyone will be directed to a designated shelter if a **tornado warning** is issued during the school day.

There are two types of shelters:

PRIMARY SHELTER

- Safe Room storm shelters

SECONDARY SHELTER

- Every school has a secondary shelter area
- Used for parents or other patrons who arrive after Safe Rooms have been closed
- Signage will direct patrons to the secondary shelter

SAFE ROOM STORM SHELTERS

- Accommodate all students and staff in the school
- Built to rigorous FEMA standards in order to withstand winds over 200 miles an hour, as well as flying debris

For more information on Safe Rooms visit the district's weather website at www.usd259.org/weather.

If students are riding on a bus when the warning is issued, drivers will follow tornado shelter procedures and take them to:

- The nearest middle or high school in the **MORNING**
- The nearest elementary school in the **AFTERNOON**
- Other non-school locations, if appropriate

Bus drivers will remain with students at that location until released to resume the bus run.

Once students and staff have entered the FEMA Safe Room, doors are closed securely and locked per FEMA specifications.

To ensure student safety, parents will not be able to pick up their student from the shelter location once the FEMA Safe Room doors have been closed.

All doors are opened only when an "all clear" message has been issued.

