



Elk Fire: What to Expect on School Days

EACH MORNING, THE DISTRICT CHECKS THREE THINGS

STEP 1

Is our school under an evacuation order?

STEP 2

Is Highway 149 open and safe to travel?

STEP 3

What is today's Air Quality Index (AQI)?

Three Possible Status Days

When there is a change in status, you will always hear it from the District directly - don't rely on rumors or social media alone.

GREEN

School Open — Normal Day GO ABOUT YOUR NORMAL ROUTINE

THIS APPLIES WHEN

- *AQI is below 100*
- *Highway 149 is open*
- *No evacuation impacts*
- *Staffing is adequate*

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Regular schedule
- Outdoor recess, PE, and athletics proceed as normal

WHAT YOU DO

- Send your student as usual
- Monitor email/text for any updates

YELLOW

School Open — Modified Day STAY CLOSE TO YOUR PHONE

THIS APPLIES WHEN

- *AQI is 101–150*
- *Pre-evacuation/evacuation notices are affecting families or staff*
- *There are highway travel concerns*
- *Staffing is limited*

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Recess and PE may move indoors
- Athletics or activities may be modified
- Staff increase wellness check-ins with students

WHAT YOU DO

- Send your student unless told otherwise
- Call the school if attendance flexibility is needed
- Watch closely for updates - conditions can change quickly

RED

School Closed / Remote Learning KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME

THIS APPLIES WHEN

- *The school is in an evacuation zone – Zone 014*
- *Highway 149 is closed or unsafe*
- *AQI is above 150 for a sustained period*
- *Staffing or utilities can't support a safe day*

WHAT TO EXPECT

- School closes, or shifts to remote learning if feasible
- The District notifies families immediately
- If the status changes to an immediate evacuation during the school day, students and staff evacuate to the CDOT Maintenance Barn at the base of Slumgullion

WHAT YOU DO

- Keep your student home
- Watch for an immediate alert with instructions
- Follow any evacuation directions from Hinsdale County emergency officials
- Reunification point during school hours: CDOT Maintenance Barn, base of Slumgullion

Updates will be provided when/if conditions change.

Where to find it: Email/Text and District social media.

Stay Informed. Stay Prepared. Stay Safe.

Questions about a specific day? Contact the school office directly.