

EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**Purpose**

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to provide a safe and healthy educational environment for all students and employees. Extreme weather conditions, including excessive heat, poor air quality, wildfire smoke, severe storms, flooding, and other hazardous weather events, may create health and safety risks for students participating in outdoor activities.

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to develop, implement, and maintain weather protocols that protect students and staff during extreme weather conditions and comply with applicable state laws and guidance.

Weather Protocols

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for monitoring weather conditions and determining when outdoor activities should be modified, relocated, postponed, or canceled due to health or safety concerns.

District weather protocols shall include:

1. Clear criteria for determining when weather conditions constitute extreme weather conditions and warrant modification or cessation of outdoor activities.
2. Procedures for monitoring weather forecasts, air quality conditions, weather alerts, and emergency notifications.
3. Protocols for communicating weather-related decisions to students, staff, parents/guardians, and the community.
4. Identification of appropriate indoor or alternative activities that may be conducted safely during extreme weather conditions.
5. Training for employees regarding weather-related health risks, recognition of signs of distress, and appropriate response procedures.
6. Coordination with local, county, state, and federal agencies to obtain timely weather information and guidance.

Air Quality and Environmental Conditions

The Board recognizes that poor air quality and wildfire smoke may pose significant health risks to students and staff. District protocols shall include procedures for monitoring air quality conditions and modifying outdoor activities when conditions may adversely affect health.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish guidelines for reducing, relocating, or canceling outdoor activities based on air quality conditions and other environmental hazards.

Student Safety Measures

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that reasonable mitigation measures are available to reduce the impact of extreme weather conditions, including access to drinking water, shaded areas, indoor cooling or shelter locations, and other appropriate resources.

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Schools shall make reasonable efforts to provide equitable access to safety measures and protective resources across all District sites.

School Activities

This policy shall apply to all school-sponsored outdoor activities, including but not limited to:

- Physical education classes
- Recess and lunch periods
- Athletic practices and competitions
- Extracurricular activities
- Outdoor assemblies
- Field trips
- Other outdoor student activities

Emergency Authority

The Superintendent, principal, or designee may immediately suspend, relocate, postpone, or cancel outdoor activities whenever weather conditions present a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of students or staff.

Annual Review

The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to review District weather protocols annually and update them as necessary to reflect changes in law, safety practices, weather conditions, public health guidance, and stakeholder feedback.

Legal Reference

Education Code 33355, 35179.8, 35183.5
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