

SEVERE WEATHER AND TORNADOES

- A. When a tornado or severe thunderstorm watch is issued, the District will continue normal activities but move recess and physical education activities indoors.
- B. A TORNADO WARNING (which means that a tornado has either been sighted or considered to be imminent in the warned area), students will remain in school, along with staff in pre-designated shelter areas, until the warning has been cancelled. In the event of a TORNADO WARNING prior to the start of school, school will be cancelled or delayed as appropriate.
- C. A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING (which means that severe weather has been observed or is considered imminent in the warned areas), students will remain in school with staff. If conditions become sufficiently severe as to create a concern for safety, building principals may direct students and staff to pre-designated tornado shelter areas until the warning has been cancelled.
- D. Parents are requested not to come to school for their children during tornado or severe thunderstorm watches or warnings, as this may lead to confusion and emotional hysteria.
- E. If a tornado watch or warning is issued prior to any after-school activity involving students, the activity shall be cancelled immediately and, in the event of a tornado warning, all people on the premises will be directed to take shelter in pre-designated shelter areas.
- F. If a severe thunderstorm warning is issued prior to or during any outdoor after school activity involving students, the activity shall be cancelled immediately. Indoor activities shall continue as scheduled.
- G. EMERGENCY DISMISSALS can occur due to mechanical and/or power failure and other inclement weather. Those dismissals will be handled as follows: Walking students and those with their own transportation will be dismissed first. Bus students will remain with teachers and be dismissed as soon as their bus arrives, according to regular dismissal schedule. (Secondary first, then elementary students.)
- H. If school is closed due to any form of inclement weather, student activities may be cancelled. Announcements to the effect that the activity has been cancelled will occur over local radio stations. NO ANNOUNCEMENT will indicate that the activity will be held.