

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

Outdoor Air Quality

The District will work to ensure the safety of students participating in physical education, recess, practices or athletic contests. The District Board of Trustees and school administration will use the Recommendations for Outdoor Activities Based on Air Quality for Schools guidelines, developed by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the DEQ's Air Data Map, as the determining factor when making a decision to allow or not allow students to participate in outdoor activities and contests.

The following protocol will be used to decide whether students will be allowed to participate in outdoor activities when Air Quality Restrictions have reached the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher categories as indicated on the DEQ guidelines.

1. The District shall use the air quality monitor that is located on campus in conjunction with other state monitors to determine the air quality for our school district.
2. The following personnel shall make the decision to hold or cancel outdoor activities, practices, or contests:
 - a. Recess (all levels) 150 Caution or Avoid Above 125
 - b. Junior High practices (all levels) 150 Caution or Avoid Above 125
 - c. Junior High contests (all levels) 150 Caution or Avoid Above 125
 - d. High School practices (all levels) 150 Caution or Avoid Above 125
 - e. High School contests (all levels) 150 Caution or Avoid Above 125
 - f. All outdoor activities, (all levels) 150 Caution or Avoid Above 125

3. The decision to hold or cancel outdoor activities shall be made 2 hours in advance of the activity.

The notice to hold or cancel an outdoor activity shall be communicated to:

- a. Students through all call and/or thrillshare (Website)
- b. Staff through all call and/or thrillshare (Website)
- c. Coaches through either phone, text, email, all call, thrillshare (Website)
- d. Parents through either phone, text, email, all call, thrillshare (Website)
- e. Community through thrillshare (Website)

Legal References: 37.111.827, ARM Outdoor Air Quality
10.55.701(q), ARM Board of Trustees

Cross References:

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