

## **Board Policy 2215: Weather Restrictions on Outdoor Activities, Practice, and Competition**

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The District and school administration will monitor the National Weather Service and will initiate notifications and communication throughout the district when poor air quality, lightning, or severe weather is present. These conditions can change rapidly, and employees should keep a close eye on changing weather conditions to be prepared to take action if necessary. This policy applies to all Minidoka County School District events on or off of campus.

### Lightning

Administrators will monitor lighting activity during outdoor events. When lighting-detection devices or mobile apps are available, this technology can be used to determine the proximity of lightning strikes. However, hearing thunder and seeing lightning should take precedence over lighting-detection devices or mobile apps and play shall be suspended. In the event that a lightning strike has occurred within a 10-mile radius within the previous 30 minutes during an outdoor event administration will direct all students, staff, and spectators to move indoors and remain indoors. Upon administrative approval, the outdoor event will convene once there has not been a lightning strike within a 10-mile radius within the previous 30 minutes.

### Other Hazardous Weather

In the event a hazardous weather condition, as determined by the National Weather Service, has been identified in the area of an outdoor activity, all students and staff will be moved indoors and remain indoors until the National Weather Service has determined the hazard has passed and the administration has determined it is safe to return outdoors. Administration will keep in mind that during one of these events there may be power outages, downed power lines, floods, etc. which would make it unsafe to return outdoors. Students and staff shall stay away from windows and exterior doors during a hazardous weather event and remain by an interior wall. Hazardous conditions; such as tornados, thunderstorms, or severe wind; can develop in seconds and may not allow for formal means of communication. In the event an employee feels that weather is immediately threatening, they will instruct students, employees, and others to take immediate cover near an interior wall indoors.

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