

Browning Public Schools

Policy # 8130

Policy Name: *Air Quality*

Regulation -----

Air Quality Restrictions on Outdoor Activities, Practice and Competition

Each school district is responsible for ensuring the safety of its students and student athletes when participating in physical education, recess, practices or athletic contests.

The Browning School District Board of Trustees and 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 Browning School District Board of Trustees and Administration have developed the following protocol for determination of allowing students and student athletes 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 Browning School District will use the **Blackfeet Environmental Agency and geographical spot on the todaysair.mt.gov website** to determine the air quality for our school district.
2. The following personnel will make the decision to hold or cancel outdoor activities, practices, or contests:

a. Recess (all levels)	<u>Principals</u>
b. Junior High practices (all levels)	<u>Activities Director</u>
c. Junior High contests (all levels)	<u>Activities Director</u>
d. High School practices (all levels)	<u>Activities Director</u>
e. High School contests (all levels)	<u>Activities Director</u>
f. All outdoor activities (all levels)	<u>Activities Director</u>
3. The decision to hold or cancel outdoor activities will be made **2 hours** in advance of the activity.
4. The notice to hold or cancel an outdoor activity will be communicated to:
 - a. Students through District email, Facebook, local radio stations
 - b. Staff through District email, Facebook, local radio stations
 - c. Coaches through District email, Facebook, local radio stations
 - d. Parents through District email, Facebook, local radio stations
 - e. Community District email, Facebook, local radio stations

References: 10.55.701(q), ARM Board of Trustees

[www. todaysair.mt.gov](http://www.todaysair.mt.gov)

<http://svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair/smokereport/mostRecentUpdate.aspx>

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