

HEALTH SERVICES GUIDELINES FOR COLD WEATHER ISSUES AFFECTING OUTDOOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Cold Weather Guidelines

During times of excessive cold weather, the following precautions will be taken for all outdoor physical activity including, but not limited to: recess, physical education classes, and/or outdoor field trips.

1. Students should not have recess or Physical Education classes outside when the **temperature or wind chill factor** drops below **33°F**.
2. If a student does not have adequate warm clothing to participate in the outdoor activity, such clothing should be provided or the student excused from the activity.
3. On days when the temperature is unseasonably cold, outside recess should be limited to no more than 15 minutes.
4. Principals have the option to cancel or limit outdoor activities for any other situation they deem unsafe.
5. For any inclement weather conditions that occur after school is in session, a decision regarding a change from regular dismissal times will be made by the Superintendent. Information to the campuses and to the public will be disseminated through all possible means, and campus principals will retain the responsibility for communicating to parents on their campuses the reasons for changes in dismissal time. More information on "Emergency School Closing" may be found in each campus student handbook.

***Certain students, faculty, and staff, because of already existing conditions (risk factors) may need even more precautions taken. Consult with the school clinic staff regarding individual concerns, and arrange for indoor recreation/activity sites for students who may not go outside (library, gym, etc.)**

****Secondary students who are being purposefully acclimatized to outside conditions for co-curricular activities/athletics will use separate guidelines from trainers, coaches and sponsors.**

All students will be carefully monitored and student safety will be the highest priority for all decisions.