

Hazardous Weather

What families need to know



Tornado Watch: We monitor and prepare.

- A watch means conditions are favorable for severe weather or tornado development.
- Schools generally continue normal indoor operations while staff monitor official alerts, prepare shelter areas, and account for outdoor groups.
- The district will evaluate dismissal and transportation conditions. Families should monitor district messages for changes.



Tornado Warning: We shelter immediately.

- Students, staff, and visitors move to designated shelter areas and remain there until the warning has ended and an all-clear is given.
- Dismissal, parent pickup, student release, class changes, and bus loading are paused while the warning affects the school.
- Please do not travel to school during a warning. Anyone already at school will be directed to shelter and should not leave until the all-clear.



If hazardous weather occurs at dismissal:

- Buses will not leave a school during a tornado warning. If it is safe to do so, students who have boarded will return to the building shelter.
- Walkers, student drivers, and parent pickup will be held until district and building officials determine dismissal can safely resume.
- A bus already on its route will remain in contact with Transportation Dispatch. The driver may use a predetermined substantial shelter or stop safely if conditions make travel unsafe. Routes resume only when authorized.



Other hazardous weather:

- Lightning: Outdoor activities are suspended and students move into a substantial building until the district's all-clear standard is met.
- High winds, hail, heavy rain, or poor visibility: Student movement, dismissal, activities, or transportation may be delayed or adjusted.
- Flooding or road hazards: Buses will not drive through standing or moving water, around barricades, or through unsafe debris.



How families can help:

- Keep emergency contacts and authorized pickup information current, and monitor official district messages during severe weather.
- Avoid calling or coming to the school during an active warning unless there is an urgent safety concern; staff must focus on sheltering and accounting for students.
- Wait for district instructions before attempting pickup or meeting a delayed bus. Updates will be shared as reliable information becomes available.