

Severe Weather Procedures (Practices/Events)

Whenever severe weather is projected or indicated, it will be the practice of the District and all of its programs to take the following precautions:

1. Keep alert to changing weather by use of weather radios that sound alarms or through mechanical devices such as the Thunderbolt Lightning Detector (each high is required to have one of these; they should be shared with middle schools).
2. At each of the distance indicators listed below the prescribed activities are required:

| Distance | Action Required |
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| 25+ miles | Coaches, directors, and advisors who are outside with students should be aware that lightening strikes are possible and be prepared to move students to pre-arranged shelter; spectators should be advised over the public address system that there is severe weather nearby and should be aware of the closest shelter. |
| 12-25 miles | Coaches, directors, and advisors who are outside with students should begin to curtail activities and seek shelter in appropriate locations; spectators should be advised over the public address system that they should seek shelter immediately in an appropriate location. |
| 12 miles or less | All activities should cease immediately and students and spectators should seek immediate shelter until it is deemed safe to return; this means leave the practice or playing field, empty bleachers and seek appropriate shelter in buildings, automobiles or other vehicles, remove yourself from open spaces or proximity to trees, poles, power lines or high ground. |

Multiple studies have proven that lightening strikes may take place from as far away as 10 miles from the actual storm. It is imperative that we take the most conservative and prompt action to insure the safety of students, staff and spectators. It is the responsibility of the administrator on site or the head coach, director or advisor to inform event officials of the District policies and procedures for terminating an event and seeking shelter.