

Severe Thunderstorm

For those Indoors: Upon notification that a severe thunderstorm is imminent, the following announcement will be made:

CODE GREY: We are in a state of readiness for a Severe Thunderstorm. Teachers, secure your classroom and take proper precautions.

1. Administration will direct students and staff to:
 - a. stay away from open windows and doors, metal objects, electrical appliances and plumbing
 - b. if necessary, move to an inner school safe location.
2. Administration will:
 - a. monitor the progress of the storm (a battery operated radio is to be kept for that purpose)
 - b. advise the director or designate as to the status of the school
3. The director may implement the communication plan.

For those Outdoors:

1. Staff shall ensure that students:
 - a. stay away from tall objects and metal objects
 - b. seek shelter in low lying areas
 - c. if caught on a level field, kneel or crouch with feet together, placing hands on knees and bending forward
 - d. do not congregate as a group, but rather spread out
2. Staff will:
 - a. stay with students until the danger passes
 - b. deliver students to the school or home
3. Debriefing and counseling will occur if deemed necessary.

Tornado

Upon being informed that tornadoes are imminent or have been sighted in the area, school administration will make the following announcement (s), as the case may be:

CODE GREY: We are in a state of:

Tornado watch: No funnel clouds have been sighted, but cloud formations could develop into tornadoes. Teachers secure your classrooms and take proper precautions.

Tornado Warning: Funnel clouds have been sighted (distance and location can be given at this time, if known). Teachers, initiate the tornado drill procedure.

1. Administration will:
 - a. ensure all student and staff are safely indoors – close and secure doors
 - b. make the appropriate announcement(s)
 - c. contact the director or designate
2. Director may implement the communication plan.
3. Debriefing and counseling will occur if deemed necessary.

Tornado Drill

1. Following the CODE GREY Tornado warning announcement, teachers will direct their students to:
 - a. close classroom windows and close and lock classroom doors
 - b. proceed to a predetermined space within the school without windows; preferably interior rooms or hallways which do not open to the outdoors
 - c. sit, knees up, head down, hands covering head and back against a wall
 - d. remain seated until the “all clear” signal has been given