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Policy Title:
    Severe Weather Accommodations
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The district is committed to being prepared with an action plan to be implemented during severe weather conditions which may affect students, staff or patrons. Each building principal shall establish and implement these procedures to assure safety and supervision of students, as determined to be needed, based on the maturity and age of the students.

During severe weather conditions, students will be allowed into the school buildings as soon as the first bus is scheduled to arrive. Supervision will be provided for lower elementary-aged students.

Students may not be required to leave the school building during the school day for recess or other breaks on days when the temperature, including the wind chill factor, is zero degrees Fahrenheit or lower. At the discretion of the building administrator, or designee, outdoor recess may be shortened. Students should be dressed warmly if playing outside on cold days.

The temperature is to be determined on information provided by the computerized National Weather Service channel monitored at each building. Temperatures may vary from building to building and the final decision will be made by the building administrator, or assigned designee.

District administration should assure that all school buses are winterized, in good mechanical order and properly equipped with communication device for two-way communication with school district administration.

Weather-related closures of school also cancel district activities automatically for that particular day. This applies to all groups scheduled to use school facilities on that day. An exception to this rule concerns activities sponsored by the Idaho High School Activities Association and some other activities held at the High School. The building principal and superintendent determine cancellation of these activities and/or practices on a case-by-case basis.

Reference: Policy 6415, "Emergency Closures"
            Procedure 6415p, "Emergency Closures"