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• If a weather WATCH is issued:
  • The Superintendent, district safety and principals or designee monitors weather radios/media broadcasts for potential developing situations.
  • All outside activities are canceled.
  • Bus drivers are alerted by radios.
  • Liaison officer or designee directs bus driver to keep students on the bus or go to a sheltered location.

• If a weather WARNING is issued:
  • An announcement is made for everyone to IMMEDIATELY seek shelter in designated areas.
  • Bus drivers are alerted by radios.
  • Liaison officer directs bus drivers with students to a sheltered location.
  • School crisis team does a rapid sweep of facilities to ensure compliance with shelter order.

Dismissal Expectations

• In the event of a tornado or severe thunderstorm WARNING, students will not be released to parents/guardians until the warning is over. This includes students who evacuate a bus to a sheltered location.
• Parents/guardians/visitors in the building will be directed by a designated staff member to the shelter area.
• Doors are locked and signage is placed on the front door to indicate all are in shelter.
• When the tornado or severe thunderstorm warning is over, crisis team conducts site assessment and a student count is taken.
• Doors are unlocked and signage is removed.

Communication on School Closings

• Local radio, television stations and the Omaha Public Schools’ website and social media will carry closing announcements.
• District Communications will also send notices to all families and staff via robocall, email and text.
• Be sure your info is up-to-date with your child’s school.
• Opt-in to receive text messages! Text Yes to 67587.