



Cheyenne Middle School

Working Together to Empower All Students to Succeed

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring has arrived in Oklahoma and with it the potential for wind, hail and tornadoes. Edmond Public Schools takes the threat of severe weather very seriously and I/we want to take this opportunity to make you aware of the district's procedures and guidelines.

When a tornado **warning** is issued, or the city tornado sirens are activated in the vicinity during school hours, students take shelter in the building until the "all-clear" is given by the central office. Students do not take shelter when a tornado **watch** is issued.

At Cheyenne students and non-essential staff shelter in each grade level sections. Each year, we spend considerable time conducting tornado drills and students are very familiar with where to go when weather becomes threatening.

Severe weather that approaches at the end of the school day can present a challenge. If a tornado **warning** is in place at dismissal time, we will **not release students** to go home until the "all-clear".

Buses will be held and will not be in transit when there is immediate pending severe weather. If a bus is in route and the weather dictates immediate action, the bus will seek shelter at the nearest school and then resume its route once the "all-clear" is given.

If you choose to keep your child home or check them out early due to weather conditions, please be advised that attendance requirements remain in place. You may contact the school to report your child's excused absence. At the high schools, such absences are recorded and included in the count for test exemptions.

Please be aware that Edmond school buildings are not public storm shelters. The Central Oklahoma Emergency Management Association emphasizes that a personal storm shelter is the best option to protect you and your family during threatening weather.

We want to assure you that the safety of students is of utmost importance.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michelle Grinsteiner
Principal