

COLD WEATHER

Guidelines used to judge whether students will go outside for noon recess are dependent upon the temperature and the wind chill. Elementary students in grades K- 5 will stay inside before school and/or during recess when the wind chill reaches -15° F. Principals make this determination using the National Weather Service <http://forecast.weather.gov> Below is the index chart the district uses to make these decisions.

Wind (mph)	Temperature (Fahrenheit)																
	35°	30°	25°	20°	15°	10°	5°	0°	-5°	-10°	-15°	-20°	-25°	-30°	-35°	-40°	-45°
0	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
5	31	25	9	13	7	-1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-72
10	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-77
15	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-35	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-81
20	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-37	-44	-55	-61	-68	-74	-84
25	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-87
30	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-89
35	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-28	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-91
40	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-93
45	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93
50	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-89	-95
55	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97
60	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98

	Increasing Danger (Frostbite in 30 min.)
	Heightened Danger (Frostbite in 10 min.)
	Great Danger (Frostbite in 5 min.)

According to this index, students and staff members are not in danger going outside when the wind chill reaches -15° F. The supervisor on outside duty may also decide if the students will come in early before the bell. This allows flexibility in allowing for differences in physical development and age level of students.

If students are brought indoors before school starts, they will wait in a designated area for school to begin. We strongly urge you not to bring students to the school before the time students are allowed to enter the building.

North Dakota winter weather can be very cold. Therefore, dress your children warmly during the winter months. Children must wear mittens or gloves, overshoes/boots, caps, and scarves. During winter months, snow pants and boots are required. Bare legs should be covered in the winter. Except in the case of very severe weather, students will spend up to 30 minutes outside during the noon recess. Students must be dressed warmly

enough to be comfortable. Also, if your child tends to chill while sitting in school, have them wear long sleeves, sweaters/sweatshirts, or leave a sweater/sweatshirt labeled with the child's name in school for continued use. Parents, your children must wear overshoes or boots in the winter months and when it is wet and/or muddy outside. The children's feet need to remain warm and dry, and our school must remain clean. If you are unable to purchase boots for your child, contact the school and we will make arrangements for boots. Apparel should be marked with the child's name so it can be identified and returned if lost.

