



# GRACE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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## Air Quality Policy

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### Monitoring Air Pollution Levels

During the burning season (typically February-April), Health Services, Physical Education & Athletics Departments (along with other departments as needed) will monitor the Air Quality Index (AQI). The AQI can be found on the GIS [Website](#), [Staff Portal](#) or using the AirVisual app.

Health Services will check the AQI at 7:30am and will send an all-staff email if  $\geq 150$ , including instructions based on the [Air Quality \(AQI\) Chart](#). Decisions impacting afternoon activities as well as after school activities (including athletics) will be made by 1:30 p.m. Parents will be notified via established communication channels (ie Facebook).

### Reducing Student Exposure

Decisions for limiting activities, in order to reduce a student's exposure to harmful air pollution, will be based on individual student risk factors such as age and pre-existing medical conditions, as well as the type of activity involved. Elementary students with asthma are highly encouraged to keep a rescue inhaler in the nurse's office. Middle and High school students are highly encouraged to keep an inhaler on them during the burning season.

The parents are responsible to provide their child(ren) with masks for air pollution. In case of emergency, masks are available in the nurses' office.