



Cold Weather Guidelines

On school days when there is excessive cold weather, the following procedure should be used for determining whether students can participate in outdoor activities, including but not limited to recess, physical education and outdoor field trips.

- The wind chill factor should be taken into account in determining whether outdoor activities are appropriate.
- The recommended temperature to allow students to be outside for recess, physical education or outdoor field trips is 20 degrees Fahrenheit or above, including the wind chill factor. Precipitation is also a factor to consider.
- If school staff determine a student does not have sufficient warm clothing for outdoor activities, the student should be excused from the activity.
- Any request from a parent that their child be excluded from outdoor activity due to weather conditions will be honored.
- Current local temperatures can be obtained through the National Weather Service local forecast: [Weather Forecast- Denver & Commerce City](#)

Wind-Chill Factor Chart (in Fahrenheit)										
Air Temperature	Wind Speed in mph									
		Calm	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
	40	40	36	34	32	30	29	28	28	27
	30	30	25	21	19	17	16	15	14	13
	20	20	13	9	6	4	3	1	0	-1
	10	10	1	-4	-7	-9	-11	-12	-14	-15
	0	0	-11	-16	-19	-22	-24	-26	-27	-29
	-10	-10	-22	-28	-32	-35	-37	-39	-41	-43

Board policies regarding recess [ILJ - physical activity](#) and [ADF - school wellness](#).