

Air Quality Restrictions on Outdoor Activities, Practice and Competition

Each school district is responsible for ensuring the safety of its students and student athletes when participating in physical education, recess, practices or athletic contests.

The Jefferson High School District Board of Trustees and Administration will use the Recommendations for Outdoor Activities Based on Air Quality for Schools guidelines, developed by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the DEQ’s Air Data Map, as the determining factor when making a decision to allow or not allow students to participate in outdoor activities and contests.

The Jefferson High School District Board of Trustees and Administration have developed the following protocol for determination of allowing students and student athletes to participate in outdoor activities when Air Quality Restrictions have reached the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher categories as indicated on the DEQ guidelines.

1. The Jefferson School District will use the geographical spot on the todaysair.mt.gov website to determine the air quality for our school district.
2. The following personnel will make the decision to hold or cancel outdoor activities, practices, or contests:
 - a. High School practices (all levels) JHS Administration
 - b. High School contests (all levels) JHS Administration
 - c. All outdoor activities, (all levels) JHS Administration
3. The decision to hold or cancel outdoor activities will be made two hours in advance of the activity.
4. The notice to hold or cancel an outdoor activity will be communicated to:
 - a. Students through all electronic means
 - b. Staff through all electronic means
 - c. Coaches through all electronic means
 - d. Parents through all electronic means
 - e. Community all electronic means

Legal References: 10.55.701(q), ARM Board of Trustees

Other References: www.todaysair.mt.gov
<http://svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair/smokereport/mostRecentUpdate.aspx>

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