

OES Severe Weather Dismissal

If there is rain but no lightning at dismissal time, students will stay inside the building. School staff will go from car to car to get names of students waiting to be picked up. The names will be radioed in to the office and the child will be called from their waiting area. This process will take longer than the normal dismissal procedures.

Students who are bike riders or walkers will stay with their teachers until all the cars are gone from the line in case someone is able to pick them up. If no one picks up the child, the bike riders and walkers will be dismissed to go home in the rain.

● 30/30 Rule

If lightning is seen and there is less than 30 seconds until the sound of thunder, this rule will be in effect. No school staff or students will go outside for 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder following lightning. If this happens at dismissal, parents may choose to come inside and check out their child. They must sign a statement that they are taking full responsibility for their child's safety during this severe weather situation. If the student is not in the core building, the parent will be given a pass to go to the classroom to pick up their child after signing him/her out. The process to accommodate parent request to pick up children cannot jeopardize safety and accountability systems in place. The process will take a long time and parents should expect delays. Children will only be signed out to adults previously approved in writing by the parents. Bike riders and walkers will not be dismissed until the 30/30 Rule is over or they are signed out.

If parents prefer to have their child stay in the building and not be exposed to the lightning, school staff will continue to supervise the child. In order to minimize contact of other students with adults they do not know, parents will not be allowed to go to the child's classroom. Parents may wait in the car line or in the lobby. If it looks like release from school will take place longer than 10 minutes after the regular dismissal time, a Connect-ED message will be sent out. Another message will go out when the 30/30 Rule is lifted. Parents are responsible for ensuring that the school has up-to-date home, cell and work phone numbers.

● Car Pickup

The only approved and safe place for children to be picked up by cars is via the car pickup line. At dismissal time, cars can only turn right from Lakewood and left from Seventh Avenue. Going across the intersection or turning left from the right-hand lane of Seventh Avenue is against the law and will result in traffic tickets.

The front parking lot is for office business only. It is extremely dangerous for children to be there even if accompanied by an adult. This is not allowed and cars may be towed.

● Emergency Lockdown

If civil authorities require the school to be in lockdown, absolutely no one will be allowed in the buildings until the emergency is over. A sign will be placed on the lobby doors and a Connect-ED message will go out when approved by authorities.