

San Ramon Valley Unified School District
Air Quality Procedures and Guidelines

In recent years, we have seen increasing concern regarding air quality around and outside schools, as California is increasingly impacted by wildfires. We recognize that this creates significant concern around student activities at school and that this challenge is likely to be ongoing for the foreseeable future. As such, we wanted to send this information to you in order to help you be prepared for days when the air quality is less than optimal.

First and foremost, we want you to know that we will attempt to keep schools open in all but the most extraordinary circumstances surrounding air quality. We do this because our schools are the safest option for many students during poor air quality conditions. In many cases, schools are a better place for students than most thanks to Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning systems which may exceed the standard of those in most homes. Secondly, school closings on short notice are very challenging for many of our families, and we want our families to have the option of being at school whenever possible.

During poor air quality conditions, the district will communicate in most cases via social media, on our Twitter (), Facebook() or website pages. If conditions merit, we may send an email to staff and families as well. Should any sort of school closure be required, we will send an email to all groups. Local news and media may also be alerted in these rare cases.

We have developed the following guidelines in conjunction with California Department of Education guidelines.

Once air quality is forecast to reach the “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups” (101-150) range, SRVUSD personnel will monitor the air quality using a variety of data, including airnow.gov for official data from Bay Area Air Quality Management District, as well as other sources such as purpleair.com. The SRVUSD has also purchased and placed air quality monitor sensors at our four comprehensive high schools in order to provide us with immediate and available data for our area.

In most cases, school sites will be responsible for implementing guidelines and allowing activities in much the same way that they would for inclement weather. However, in more severe cases, the district may issue directives regarding activity that will be in effect throughout the SRVUSD. These cases may be dependent on severity and expected duration of the air quality event. We are aware that air quality may affect younger children or students with heart or lung conditions differently. As such, we may work with different school sites or populations differently depending on the case.

If your child is in a sensitive group (asthma, heart/ lung or other conditions), or you would like us to be aware of anything regarding your child’s needs during an air quality event, please let your school site know as soon as possible. SRVUSD does not issue air masks for our students, as there are no N95 masks recommended for children.

We understand that not everyone will agree with our guidelines or our decisions in regards to activity in air quality. Our goal in posting these guidelines is to allow families and school sites to prepare and make the best decision for their family during adverse air quality conditions. We also hope these guidelines remove some uncertainty about what a school site or the SRVUSD will do when air quality does decline. In all cases, the SRVUSD respects the rights of a family to determine what is best for their child when making the choice regarding attendance during poor air quality conditions.

AQI Levels	Recess/ Lunch/ Breaks/ School Activity	Physical Education	Athletic Practice	Scheduled Sporting Events
0-50 (good)	Ensure unusually sensitive individuals are medically managing their condition. Otherwise, no restrictions.	Ensure unusually sensitive individuals are medically managing their condition. Otherwise, no restrictions.	Ensure unusually sensitive individuals are medically managing their condition. Otherwise, no restrictions.	Ensure unusually sensitive individuals are medically managing their condition. Otherwise, no restrictions.
50-100 (moderate)	Ensure unusually sensitive individuals are medically managing their condition. *	Ensure unusually sensitive individuals are medically managing their condition. *	Ensure unusually sensitive individuals are medically managing their condition. *	Ensure unusually sensitive individuals are medically managing their condition. *
101- 150 (Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups)	Indoor lunch/recess strongly recommended	May move indoors or modify activity as	Reduce vigorous exercise to 30 min per	Ensure that sensitive individuals are medically

	<p>for those with asthma or heart disease. Indoor option made available to all students and staff.</p> <p>Doors and windows should be closed in classrooms and other student use areas.</p>	<p>necessary. Ensure that sensitive individuals are medically managing their condition.*</p>	<p>hour of practice time with increased rest breaks and substitutions. May move indoors or modify activity as necessary.</p>	<p>managing their condition.* Increase rest breaks and substitutions per CIF guidelines for extreme heat. May move indoors or modify activity as necessary. Ensure that sensitive individuals are medically managing their condition.</p>
151-200 (Unhealthy)	<p>All activities should be moved indoors as much as reasonably possible. Sensitive individuals should remain indoors.</p> <p>Doors and windows should be closed in classrooms and other student use areas.</p>	<p>Exercise indoors or limit vigorous outdoor activities to a maximum of 15 minutes. Sensitive individuals should remain indoors.*</p>	<p>All activities should be moved indoors as much as reasonably possible or reduce vigorous exercise to 30 minutes of practice time with increased rest breaks and substitutions. Consider focusing on game theory or studying films. Sensitive individuals should remain indoors.*</p>	<p>Increase rest breaks and substitutions per CIF guidelines for extreme heat and air quality. Ensure that sensitive individuals are medically managing their condition.</p>
201-300 (Very Unhealthy)	<p>No outdoor activity. All activities should be moved indoors. If school is canceled/closed for students and staff, essential personnel</p>	<p>No outdoor activity. All activities should be moved indoors. If school is canceled/closed for students and staff, essential personnel (maintenance,</p>	<p>No outdoor activity. All activities should be moved indoors. If school is canceled/closed for students and staff, essential personnel (maintenance,</p>	<p>Events must be rescheduled or relocated. Schools will follow any directives issued by NCS/ CIF in the event of Very Unhealthy air</p>

	(maintenance, administrative) may be called in to work. Doors and windows should be closed in classrooms and other student use areas.	administrative) may be called in to work.	administrative) may be called in to work.	quality.
301 and above (Hazardous)	No outdoor activity. All activities should be moved indoors. If school is canceled/closed for students and staff, essential personnel (maintenance, administrative) may be called in to work.	No outdoor activity. All activities should be moved indoors. If school is canceled/closed for students and staff, essential personnel (maintenance, administrative) may be called in to work.	No outdoor activity. All activities should be moved indoors. If school is canceled/closed for students and staff, essential personnel (maintenance, administrative) may be called in to work.	Events must be rescheduled or relocated. Schools will follow any directives issued by NCS/ CIF in the event of Very Unhealthy air quality.

Any school closure will be at the discretion of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District Superintendent and the Board of Education. In the unlikely event of a school closure for air quality, the school district will communicate with the Contra Costa County Office of Education and District staff. Families of SRVUSD Students will be notified via email and social media of any school closure.