

Severe Weather Procedure

Dear Parents,

Morrison Public Schools strives to maintain the safest possible environment for students. For that reason we have implemented the following procedure for student pick up during severe weather situations:

- Students may be released to a designated individual as indicated on enrollment when the City of Morrison is under: **Tornado Watch, Severe Thunderstorm Watch, Severe Thunderstorm Warning.**
- Students may **NOT** be released during a **Tornado Warning.** The school will be in “Lock Down” and parents will not be allowed in the building.
- Secondary students will be moved to the Elementary Shelter if ample warning is available. Warning will be indicated by “projected path” of storm through the National Weather Service.
- School buses will not begin afternoon routes if the National Weather Service has issued a tornado warning or if weather conditions are considered by the superintendent to be unsafe for any part of the Morrison School district.
- If a warning occurs after buses have departed, buses will be diverted to the nearest school. Parents will be notified of any transportation delays.
- Prior to a tornado warning being issued, students who drive may leave independently only if a parent or guardian has notified the school. However, when a tornado warning for the area is in effect and/or sirens have been activated, students will not be permitted to leave independently.

For definitions on these terms please visit

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/ww.shtml>

Sincerely,

Morrison Public Schools Administration

Public Shelter Statement

Morrison Public Schools is dedicated to serving the community in which we thrive! As such we will maintain a public tornado shelter with the following guidelines:

1. The shelter is designed for a 526 person occupancy and during school hours preference will be given to students within the district and employees of the district. With our current attendance the shelter would be fully occupied if both sites are in the shelter. In the event of advanced warning Junior High and High School students would be transported to the shelter. **For that reason we will not have the shelter available during school hours.**
2. After the hour of 4 P.M. and before the hour of 7 A.M. school days and non school days the shelter will be available to the community to the first 526 people. During public occupancy times it will be the **responsibility of the City of Morrison to open, maintain, determine occupancy limits and release public participants.** The shelter will only be open under a “Tornado Warning: Take Action” and when the **City Sirens are activated** as issued by the National Weather Service. (see link below). The public will be permitted to enter through the south entrance only on the east side of the facility.
3. **NO ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED** unless they are a required service animal.
4. No tobacco use nor alcohol use is permitted on school premises.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

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Morrison Public Schools Administration