

Guidelines for Outside Activities in Times of Poor Air Quality

When determining precautions to take during poor air quality conditions Walla Walla Public Schools generally follows guidelines established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Center for Disease Control and Protection (CDC), and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Walla Walla Public Schools administration and staff will confer with www.airnow.gov and the Air Quality Index (AQI) to help guide their decision making around outside activities such as recess, physical education, and afterschool activities. In addition, consultation with the School District Nurse, Washington's Air Monitoring Network, local health agencies, and other resources may be considered.

General Procedures:

- (Morning of): The superintendent or his/her designee will announce accommodations or modifications for outdoor/indoor activities for the school day prior to the start of school. This will be announced via email to all staff in addition to other social media communications.
- (Afternoon/Afterschool Activities): By midday, when feasible, the District Athletic and Activities Director or his/her designee will announce accommodations or modifications for all after-school district-directed outdoor activities. Coordination with WIAA, the Mid-Columbia Conference, and other governing activity associations may result in relocated contests, alternative practice areas, and canceling of specific practices and/or events. This will be announced via email to all staff in addition to other social media communications.

General Guidelines:

- When outside air quality conditions reach what is deemed "unhealthy" levels, the district will normally move all outside physical activities indoors.
- When prolonged outside poor air quality conditions are experienced, indoor air quality may also be affected. Supervising adults will initiate appropriate modifications to the activity levels indoors on a site-specific basis due to varying levels of building condition and age of indoor air handling units.

AQI Values	Actions to Protect Your Health From Ozone
Good (0 - 50)	None
Moderate (51 - 100*)	Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (101 - 150)	The following groups should reduce prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion: - People with lung disease, such as asthma - Children and older adults - People who are active outdoors
Unhealthy (151 - 200)	The following groups should avoid prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion: - People with lung disease, such as asthma - Children and older adults - People who are active outdoors Everyone else should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.
Very Unhealthy (201 - 300)	The following groups should avoid all outdoor exertion: - People with lung disease, such as asthma - Children and older adults - People who are active outdoors Everyone else should limit outdoor exertion.