

DRILLS FOR EMERGENCIES**AIR POLLUTION ALERTS****I. Purpose**

The following administrative procedures and regulations are to be followed when air pollution alerts are forecast or when they are actually called.

II. Definition of Terms

- A. Stage I Alert: Air quality consists of .20 parts pollutants (ozone) per million (PPM). Currently experienced approximately 3 to 5 times per year.
- B. Stage II Alert: A "warning" stage involving .35 PPM, which is rarely experienced.
- C. Stage III Alert: "Emergency stage", with .50 PPM or higher which has occurred only since 1968.

III. Cause of Air Pollution Alerts

Pollutants pumped into the air from various sources are trapped by wind currents. these pollutants, in chemical reaction with sunshine, create ozone, the harmful element. The peak concentration of pollutants generally occurs about 3:00 p.m. with high concentrations between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

IV. Actual Alerts

The Air Pollution Control District will notify the Superintendent's office, who in turn will notify the appropriate administrators of the type of alert and its expected duration.

V. Regular School Activities

During a Stage I alert, strenuous exercising shall be

discontinued. Students shall be brought indoors. Remaining indoors in air conditioned buildings reduces the exposure by upwards of 50%.

VI. Athletic Events

The principal or his designee shall keep informed of the smog condition existing and forecast by the Air Pollution Control District @ 619-565-6626.

VII. Stage I

- A. Forecast of Stage I: All athletic events shall be cancelled, rescheduled, or relocated if the Air Pollution Control District forecasts an alert covering the period of the event.

- B. Stage I Alert Occurrence: Athletic events shall be postponed, cancelled, or relocated if a Stage I alert exists at their start. If an event is in progress when an alert is called, the principal or designee shall take one or more of the following steps:
 - 1. Postpone until the end of the alert.

 - 2. Discontinue activities at the end of the part of the game during which the alert is called, e.g., the quarter in football or basketball, the game in tennis, the event in track or swimming.

 - 3. Give team members an opportunity to withdraw from participation.

VIII. Practice Sessions

(Athletic teams, band, drill teams, etc.) Outdoor practice sessions being conducted during a Stage I alert shall be discontinued and, if practical, students should be moved indoors.

IX. Stage II and Stage III Alerts

Follow instructions for Stage I alert. Keep students inside until further instructions are given.