



# Information **ALERT**



**LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY**



**STRONG WINDS**



**DRY FUELS**



**POSSIBILITY OF DRY LIGHTNING STRIKES**

## Critical Fire Weather/Red Flag Warning

*A Red Flag Warning is issued by the National Weather Service when humidity is very low and winds are high, creating ideal conditions for the ignition and rapid spread of fire. Prepare with the below actions.*

### GENERAL PREPAREDNESS:

- **Review the Integrated Safe School Plan (ISSP)** emergency procedures and roles with staff. Revisit Emergency Functions and sections on Fire, Weather (Wind), and Utility Failure at [issp.lausd.net](http://issp.lausd.net).
- **Secure items** on campus that might cause damage or be damaged by winds.
- **Stock yellow caution tape** and use it to redirect students and block off hazards such as downed trees or shingles and gutters that have blown loose.
- **Close all windows** to keep out dust and debris. Check that all are closed before leaving at night.
- **Check [lausd.org/oehs](http://lausd.org/oehs)** for the latest advisory information on air quality.
- **Prepare for utility outages.** High winds and/or wildfire can impact power, internet, phone service and water pressure:
  - Remember that the fax line is a direct outside phone line and will work even when the school phone system is down.
  - See Power Outage tips on page 2

### IF STUDENTS ARE ON CAMPUS:

- **Prepare to implement an indoor activities schedule** when smoke odors from wildfires are present outdoors:
  - Close doors and windows.
  - Run ventilation systems; school HVAC systems can improve indoor air quality, due to better filtration than typical home systems, especially with the new enhanced filtration at school.
  - NOTE: no special permission is needed to implement an indoor activities schedule. Do notify the Local District of actions taken.
- **Maintain current student information** in the School Emergency Response Box and Blackboard Connect database.
- **Create a Blackboard Connect message** in advance to inform and reassure parents if needed.

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## Power Outages

*Planned and unplanned power failures may occur due to weather, blackouts, downed power lines, blown transformers, Public Safety Power Shutoffs, flex alerts, or maintenance. Prepare in advance.*

### GENERAL PREPAREDNESS:

- **Review the Integrated Safe School Plan** with staff, including Utility Failure: Loss of Power procedures and emergency roles. Update the plan and contact information when staff changes.
- **Check emergency supplies**, including flashlights and batteries for classrooms and batteries for the NOAA weather radio kept in the Main Office.
- **Plan for alternate lighting** in restrooms and other areas of buildings without natural lighting.
- **Prepare for phone system outages.** The fax line is a direct outside phone line and will work even when the school phone system is down. Consider purchasing a rechargeable power bank to charge cell phones and other small devices.
- **Utilize two-way radios** regularly to increase familiarity with this means of emergency communications. Stash extra radio batteries in the emergency bin.
- **Develop a Blackboard Connect message** for a loss of power incident. Review the procedures for sending Blackboard Connect messages from a cell phone.
- **Address functional needs** of students and staff that may be impacted by a power loss, such as assistive technology. A rechargeable power unit is provided by the Office of Emergency Management to schools that have students who use a ventilator.
- **Practice stairwell evacuation techniques** for students and staff who usually use elevators, which will not operate when the power is out. An Evac Chair or Rescue Seat and training is provided by the Office of Emergency Management for multiple-story schools.
- **Keep a small cooler** in the Health Office to store refrigerated medications. Grab and go to evacuate.

### IF STUDENTS ARE ON CAMPUS:

- **Maintain current student information** in the Blackboard Connect database and the School Emergency Response Box, along with a flashlight or headlamp and batteries.
- **Discuss with cafeteria manager** how meal service will be impacted.
- Emergency resources are available at [lausd.org/oem](http://lausd.org/oem).
- School Police Department Watch Commander is available 24/7 at 213-625-6631.

