San Leandro USD
Board Policy
Outdoor Air Quality - DRAFT

BP 3516.4
Business and Noninstructional Operations

I. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to provide a safe and healthy school environment for all students within the San Leandro Unified School District (SLUSD).

II. **POLICY:** The San Leandro Unified School District recognizes the effects of poor air quality on student's as well as staff's health and safety. To that end, it is the District's policy to implement precautionary measures to safeguard students and staff from the hazards of engaging in physical activities outdoors on days when air quality is deemed to be poor.

III. **PROCEDURE:**

A. Parent Notification and Action
   1. At the beginning of every school year, the District shall notify parents of the District's Outdoor Air Quality Policy and Procedure. This information will be provided as part of the Parents Informational Packet given to all parents. It will act as a guideline when situations arise throughout the school year pertaining to poor air quality and the steps taken by the District to ensure a healthy school environment for all students.
   2. Parents, with the advice of their health care provider, must inform the District if their child is sensitive to poor air quality, and therefore should have limited outdoor physical education when the air quality is poor.

B. School Responsibilities
   1. Each day, the Director of Safety and Emergency Services will check the outdoor air quality via the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's website (www.baaqmd.gov). The outdoor air quality check will be done before outdoor PE classes are held or before students are allowed to play outside at recess. Air quality status will be forwarded to the Superintendent each day.
   2. A global message will be sent out to all campuses within the District notifying them of the air quality status and the effects on outdoor activities. This information will also be posted on the District's website for parents to access.
   3. Reference to the Air Quality Index Matrix in Attachment 1 will be included in all messaging. The Air Quality Index Matrix references 6 categories of air quality, based on levels of particulate matter in the air, along with suggested actions to be taken by the District at each level. The 6 categories are as follows:
      a. Good
      b. Moderate
      c. Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups

d. Unhealthy Air Quality
e. Health Advisory
f. Hazardous

4. In the event that weather conditions coupled with environmental issues such as: fires, chemical releases, etc., create an additional impact on outdoor air quality, the Director of Safety and Emergency Services will check air quality status 3 times during the school day (morning, midday and end of school). This will be done to monitor potentially rapid changing conditions and to ensure real time data is being used when determining to limit and/or cancel outdoor activities.
5. Site Administrators shall monitor staff and students that fall within the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups category (see Attachment 1), to ensure that appropriate adjustments are made to this group's activity levels when air quality reaches this threshold. Site Administrators should watch for any staff or student displaying symptoms commonly associated with respiratory issues including: coughing, wheezing, difficulty in breathing and chest tightness.
6. In the event that air quality conditions are approaching or have reached the "hazardous" air quality level, the Superintendent, in consultation with the San Leandro Unified District School Board and the Alameda County Superintendent of Schools may decide to cancel school. If school cancellation is warranted, a 24-hour notice, if possible, will be provided to students, parents and staff of the closure.

Attachment 1

Air Quality Index Matrix

Index Values	Air Quality (Color Code)	Health Advisory Statement (Action To Be Taken)
Over 300	Hazardous (Purple)	Air quality is hazardous to health. No outside activity. All students and staff should stay inside. School closure is a possibility.

201-300	Health Advisory (Blue)	All outdoor activity will be cancelled. Indoor activity may continue in a closed environment.
151-200	Unhealthy Air Quality (Red)	All students and staff are to be cautious and limit outdoor activities. Prolonged exertion should be avoided. Students and staff with a history of respiratory issues such as asthma, heart disease, etc., should only participate in indoor activities. Facilities and Maintenance staff working outdoors will be advised to reschedule activities and N95 Masks will be made available as an optional item for their use.
101-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (Orange)	All students and staff with respiratory issues such as asthma, heart disease, lung conditions, etc., should not participate in any high-level exertion activities. All other students and staff should limit outdoor activities.
51-100	Moderate (Yellow)	Students and staff with sensitive respiratory issues such as asthma or any other breathing issue should consider limiting prolonged outdoor activities.
0-50	Good (Green)	No health advisory or actions to be taken.

* The Air Quality Index Value is measured at PM2.5. PM2.5 is a term used to describe fine particulate matter pollution.