



## **Ravenswood City School District Air Quality Policy**

### ***Policy Overview***

Protecting the safety of our staff and students is our top priority. Over the last few years there have been periods of intense smoke that have created unhealthy environments for students and staff. **If the Air Quality Index is above 200, we may ask students and staff not to report or if the smoke drops significantly below 200 during the school day, we may dismiss students and staff early in the day.** Even during periods of lower levels of poor air quality, we may make changes to after school activities or ask teachers to take steps such as changing their scheduled physical education activities or take preventive steps such as closing doors and windows. Our proposed guidelines are aligned to [the guidance provided](#) by the California Department of Education.

You can see the more detailed student and staff guidance below.

### ***AQI Background***

The Air Quality Index (AQI) is a metric of air quality that runs from 0 to 500. The AQI is sometimes presented as colored tiers. Anything above 200 is considered dangerous, although lower levels may also post a risk for some groups. You can see the AQI scale below, or learn more information [here](#). **The district office will send notification of the AQI tier we are in.** We will use [www.AirNow.gov](http://www.AirNow.gov) as our sources for the Air Quality Index (AQI) - we will not use home sensors unless there is a documented issue with the local AirNow sensor.

#### **AQI SCALE KEY:**



## Student Guidance - Attendance Policy

District Attendance Policy	GREEN (0-50) Good	YELLOW (51-100) Moderate	ORANGE (101-150) UNHEALTHY	RED (151-200) Unhealthy	PURPLE (201-300) Very Unhealthy	MAROON (301+) Hazardous
Attendance policy <b><i>if school has already started for the day</i></b> and the AGI tier shifts.	All students are expected to remain in school.	Parents may choose to pick up students with a documented sensitivity early without being given an unexcused absence.	Parents may choose to pick up any student early without being given an unexcused absence.		The district may wait for the AQI to clearly move above 200 or be clearly trending in that direction. At that point, families will be given 90 minute notice that students will be dismissed early. All after school events must be cancelled or rescheduled.	
Attendance policy <b><i>if school has not yet started for the day</i></b> and the AGI tier shifts.	All students are expected to come to school as normal.	<u>Students with a documented sensitivity</u> may request to stay home with a note from a parent/guardian without being given an unexcused absence.	<u>All students</u> may request to stay home with a note from a parent/guardian without being given an unexcused absence.		The district will notify families and staff that school has been cancelled for the day. All after school events must be cancelled or rescheduled.	

## Student Guidance - Physical Activity

Physical Activity	<b>GREEN</b> (0-50) Good	<b>YELLOW</b> (51-100) Moderate	<b>ORANGE</b> (101-150) UNHEALTHY	<b>RED</b> (151-200) Unhealthy	<b>PURPLE</b> (201-300) Very Unhealthy	<b>MAROON</b> (301+) Hazardous
Class	No restrictions.	No restrictions.	Windows and doors should be shut.	Windows and doors should be shut. Effort should be made to keep students in rooms with functional HVAC systems and/or air purifiers (e.g. staff rotate between rooms, not students).	Students and staff are dismissed. All after school events must be cancelled or rescheduled.	
Recess (15min)	No restrictions.	Sensitive individuals should be given the option to exercise inside.	Sensitive students must be kept inside. Teachers can use their discretion in holding recess indoors.	No outdoor activity. All activities should be moved indoors.		
P.E. (1hr)			P.E. should be held indoors. Sensitive students should be given the opportunity to do less intense activity.	P.E. should not include any cardio activity.		
Physical Sports Practice or Scheduled Competition			Practice / event must be moved indoors or cancelled.	Practice / event, including indoor events, must be rescheduled or cancelled.		

## Staff Guidance - Attendance

Staff Attendance Policy	GREEN (0-50) Good	YELLOW (51-100) Moderate	ORANGE (101-150) UNHEALTHY	RED (151-200) Unhealthy	PURPLE (201-300) Very Unhealthy	MAROON (301+) Hazardous
Attendance policy <b>if the school day has already started</b> and the AGI tier shifts.	All staff shall remain at work.		Anyone who is in a sensitive group should coordinate with their supervisor to work indoors. Anyone who wishes to go home must submit an absence using available employee leave balance.	All outdoor work should be moved indoors. Anyone who wishes to go home must submit an absence using available employee leave balance.	<b><u>With the permission of their supervisor</u></b> staff may be dismissed and absences will not require the use of available employee leave balances. When possible, supervisors will dismiss staff wishing to leave.	
Attendance policy <b>if the school day has not started</b> and the AGI tier shifts.	All staff shall report to work as normal.		Anyone who is in a sensitive group should coordinate with their supervisor to work indoors. Anyone who wishes to go home must submit an absence using available employee leave balance.	All outdoor work should be moved indoors. Anyone who wishes to go home must submit an absence using available employee leave balance.	The district will notify staff that they will not be required to report to work and absences will not require the use of available employee leave balances. Supervisors, with the written permission of the Superintendent / CBO, may require some staff to report on site for essential work.	