

NAPOLEON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TORNADO PROCEDURES

In order to provide maximum safety for children, Napoleon Community Schools will follow these procedures.

I. DEFINITION

A. Tornado Watch

The U.S. Weather Bureau issues a **Tornado Watch** for areas where tornadoes may occur during the next several hours. The size of an average **Watch** is approximately 100 miles wide and 300 miles long.

B. Tornado Warning

A **Tornado Warning** means that a tornado has actually been sighted in the area or its presence has been detected by radar. The **Warning** will indicate the location where the tornado was sighted, the area through which it is expected to move, and the time period during which the tornado will move through the area warned.

II. PROCEDURE – TORNADO WATCH & WARNINGS

- A.** All students will be kept at school for the regular school day during the tornado watches and warnings.
- B.** If a tornado warning is in effect at the normal end of the school day, children will not be dismissed, but will remain at their emergency stations.
- C.** Emergency tornado drills will be held regularly in a buildings.
- D.** In the event of a tornado warning, students will go to designated areas within the school buildings for shelter.
- E.** During a tornado watch or warning, students will be released from school only to the custody of their parents or legal guardians, or caretakers as designated on their emergency card.

III. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- A.** In the event of a tornado watch being issued, all extra curricular activities and meetings scheduled within the time range of the watch, will be canceled. If a watch is announced during an activity, the activity will be canceled and students sent home.
- B.** If a tornado warning is issued during an extra curricular activity, all students will be taken to the nearest appropriate shelter and retained until the warning has ended, unless released to the care of their parents or legal guardians.

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