

## AIR QUALITY & OUTDOOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The most current air quality information is available by logging on directly to the Boyd Park monitoring station. This will allow you to see hour-by-hour air quality readings for the Missoula area. The site may be accessed at: <http://todaysair.mt.gov> and selecting Boyd Park.

The air quality hotline may be accessed by telephone at (406)258-3600. This recorded information is updated only twice daily, so it may not be the most current information. If, however, there are significant changes in air quality, the hotline may be updated more frequently.

A third source of information is the Missoula City-County Health Department website where they provide information about air quality in the Missoula and Seeley-Swan areas: <http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/airquality/CurrentAirQuality/currentstatusreport.htm>. This site often includes narrative not available from the Boyd Park monitoring site or on the hotline.

Administrators should consult these sites in order to determine whether to allow outdoor activities to proceed. The chart is intended to inform administrators of MCPS as they complete the decision making process. Note the “district actions” column will guide your decision once you have gathered the necessary air quality information.

Air Category	Visibility	Recommended Action	District Action	Other Info
<b>Good</b>	12 miles and up	None	None	
<b>Moderate</b>	9-13 miles	None	None	Remind Staff of Guidelines
<b>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</b>	5-9 miles	None	Limited exposure for children and people with heart or lung disease. This may include shortening outdoor practices and recess and H/PE time.	Contests may be shortened with MHSA approval. Decision made by host Administrator.
<b>Unhealthy</b>	2.25 - 5 miles	Children are to limit prolonged exertion and limit time outdoors. People with heart or lung problems follow management plan.	All athletic practices are to be moved indoors and recess outdoors canceled – outdoor H/PE moved indoors. Limit any exertion.	Host Administrator may cancel contest upon checking forecasted air quality by game time through <a href="http://todaysair.mt.gov">http://todaysair.mt.gov</a> from the State Medical Officer
<b>Very Unhealthy</b>	1.25 – 2 miles	All should limit exertion and limit time spend outdoors. People with heart or lung problems follow management plan.	All outdoor activities and practices are canceled. All indoor activities including practices are canceled.	
<b>Hazardous</b>	1.25 miles or less	All indoor and outdoor events canceled.	All events canceled – meetings, clubs, plays, etc.	