

LPES BLUE FLAG dismissal delay

Safety of our students is our paramount concern. If lightning is in the area, or other weather prohibits safely dismissing children, LPES will delay dismissal. Children who walk home, or are picked up by parents, will wait in the gym. Children who ride the bus are also kept inside. As soon as weather conditions improve, we will excuse children who walk home and we will resume carline pickup. We will also allow children to board buses. A few things to keep in mind:

- 1) If weather is safe for staff to be outside, we will place BLUE FLAGS in the front of the school so parents know that children are waiting safely inside the building.
- 2) We encourage parents to wait in their cars or other safe place until weather improves.
- 3) If it is safe to keep our gym doors open, parents may come to those doors and pick their children up. We will close the doors if there is a threat of a tornado, or other immediate safety concern, and will be unable to release children until conditions clear.
- 4) Dismissal delay also means our front office is busy and working to keep everyone safe. If a dismissal delay is called, the only place to pick up children is through the gym doors.
- 5) We will communicate as soon as possible via email and text to families. Please understand that sometimes communication is delayed due to staff working with children, or to technical delays caused by large outgoing volume of messages.

As always, thank you for partnering with us to ensure our students' safety.