

## ASPEN VIEW ACADEMY

### Severe Weather/Lightning Dismissal

In the event of incoming severe/dangerous weather, we want to make you aware of Aspen View Academy's updated **Severe Weather/Lightning Dismissal** plan. When there is dangerous weather in the area, we may need to initiate a "**Severe Weather/Lightning Dismissal**" ("**Severe Weather/Lightning Dismissal**" means that for the safety of students, we will hold students inside their classrooms until the storm has passed).

ASPEN VIEW ACADEMY will initiate a lightning dismissal when lightning is within 6 miles of the school. We use Weather Bug as our official weather monitoring tool. AVA does have a Weather Bug station on our building. We will communicate with an email, phone call and/or a text message letting parents know that we are initiating a Lightning Dismissal.

#### **During a Lightning/Severe Weather Dismissal please follow the below protocol:**

Students will be held in their classrooms until their parents enter the building at 3:30pm and go directly to their student's homeroom to sign their student(s) out with their teacher then escort their students out of the building.

**BASE Students:** Students going to BASE will remain in their classrooms until it is safe to proceed out to the BASE Building.

**PreK Families and Siblings:** Students will be held in their classrooms until their parents enter the building at 3:30pm and go directly to their student's homeroom to sign their student(s) out with their teacher then escort their students out of the building.

**Students who will be picked up in the carpool line:** Students will remain in their classrooms under the supervision of their teachers. Students will be able to read, draw, watch a video, listen to music, start homework, etc. until their parents come sign them out from the classroom.

**Walkers and Bikers:** If your student typically walks or rides their bike home, they will be released as soon as the danger has passed.

**Parents picking up their child(ren) on Low Meadow Blvd.:** Students who are being picked up on Low Meadow Blvd. will be released once the severe weather passes and it is safe to release students.

**How Will I Know If It Is Time to Pick Up My Child?** When the dangerous weather has passed students will be released following our normal procedures.

Weather in Colorado can often be unpredictable and, for some reason, loves to occur right at dismissal time. Usually, these storms pass quickly, however, they also can linger. AVA cannot release students until the severe weather has passed and conditions are safe.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as such a delay will test everyone's patience. Please remember, this is done for your safety as well as the safety of our staff and students.