

## Air Quality

### Background

Poor air quality can impact the health and performance of outdoor activity participants, including students and staff. Prairie South Schools recognizes the potential short- and long-term effects of engaging in physical activity outdoors when the air quality is poor. Prairie South Schools is fully committed to reducing the risk posed to participants in outdoor activities from poor air quality.

Outdoor activities include but are not limited to outdoor physical education, extracurricular activities, field trips, and outdoor education activities. Air quality refers to the quality of outdoor air primarily related to weather, climate, and smoke (forest fires, grass fires, etc.). Air quality impacted by industry or emergent situations should be guided or directed by proper authorities. Air quality is monitored utilizing Environment Canada's Air Quality Health Index (AQHI).

Just as outdoor activities may be cancelled or rescheduled due to lightning or other weather conditions, it is essential to take similar actions to protect participants of outdoor activities when the air quality is poor. Prairie South Schools will monitor the Air Quality Health Index 7h17.80 (y)50 (Qe2