



# *Audubon Park Elementary School*

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## **Delayed Weather Dismissal (30/30) Procedures**

The purpose of this flyer is to provide a brief explanation of Orange County Public Schools' Weather Delayed Dismissal procedures.

School officials want to make the safest possible arrangements for students at all times and may delay the dismissal of students during exceptionally hazardous weather conditions, such as lightning.

The district's weather delayed dismissal procedures require that the nationally recognized 30-30 Rule be enacted by schools if thunder is heard within 30 seconds of a lightning strike. Students will not be dismissed until 30 minutes has passed from the last sound of thunder.

However, parents and guardians who decide to pick up their children during these weather conditions will be allowed to do so after signing a "Parent Pick-Up Letter" at the time of pick-up, indicating they assume responsibility for their child's safety during severe weather dismissal.

Parents and guardians must have a photo ID and be designated as an emergency contact in order for a child to be released to them.

The district's Connect Orange automated telephone system will be used to notify parents about delayed dismissals. Connect Orange messages will also be used to notify parents when normal dismissal resumes after the 30-30 Rule has been lifted.

If your child is located in a portable and you decide to pick them up during these weather conditions, you must go to the portable to sign them out. If your child is located within the main building and you decide to pick them up during these weather conditions, you must go to the cafeteria to sign them out.

If you decide not to pick up your child during these weather conditions, they will be safe and supervised at school until the 30/30 is lifted.

Again, these special procedures are followed to help ensure student safety. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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