

When there is inclement weather, the WPS uses the information available from varied sources to make a decision on whether to hold school. This is done acknowledging that schools are here to provide the students an education in a safe, secure environment with caring, nurturing staff.

Regardless of the District decision, parents always have the right to keep their children home if they feel weather conditions are unsafe. In our urban District, with many working families and varied living situations, the concern with cancellation of school or a half day of school at any time during the year is the supervision and safety of students.

In August 2018, during the heat and humidity spell, there was no state of emergency. There were advisories but no area schools were closed due to the weather.

School administrators received directives from central office and Connect Ed calls were made to families during the heat spell in August 2018. Schools were provided with water stations from the nutrition office and students were also encouraged to bring water. IN addition, facilities bought fans and placed them in schools and activities were adjusted to account for the heat and humidity. The Administration is aware that staff and the EAW also provided fans for classrooms.

District staff checked on buildings and responded to all calls concerning heat levels to problem solve.

In the second semester of this year, CPPAC, Site Councils and principals will be asked for their input and recommendations to current processes and procedures.

It is expected on school days with unusual heat and humidity that:

1. Students and staff have unlimited access to water.
2. Activities are adjusted as necessary and appropriate.
3. Staff make any weather related concerns known to building administrator.
4. The building administration calls the management immediately with such concerns.
5. School Administration will be encouraged to check with nearby community partners (e.x., UPCS and Clark University) for possible heat solutions such as using available classrooms. As might happen when schools are without heat in winter, classes might have to be relocated.