

International Community School Air Quality Guidelines

AQI (Air Quality Index)	AQI Level	Description	School guideline
0-49	Good	Air quality is satisfactory	Students: All activities are unaffected Staff: All duties are unaffected
50-99	Moderate	Air quality is acceptable; however there exists a minimal risk for a small number of people	Students: All activities are unaffected except for those people with extreme sensitivities Staff: Teachers monitor students with identified sensitivities when outdoors
100-149	Unhealthy for sensitive individuals	Most people unaffected but those with respiratory disease, older adults or younger children are at a greater risk	Students: Outdoor activities may be modified for younger children and those with identified sensitivities, to avoid prolonged physical exertion, and masks are allowed and encouraged when outdoors. Staff: Teachers will monitor all students, particularly those with identified sensitivities and use air purifiers in classrooms.
150-174	Unhealthy	Everyone may experience some adverse health effects; those with respiratory disease, older adults or younger children may experience more serious effects	Students: After school events may be cancelled. Masks are encouraged for all students when outdoors. Continued modifications listed above will be in place for all ages. Staff: Those working outdoors should minimize all prolonged physical activity or wear a N-95 or higher mask and use air purifiers in all classrooms and offices.
175-199	Unhealthy		Students: All students go directly into their classrooms at 7:15 and stay inside for the flag raising. All planned outdoor activities are cancelled (during and after school day), including all activities in spaces without air purification. Masks are encouraged for all students and required for elementary students when outdoors (parents must provide N-95 or better masks). Staff: Those engaged in physical labor outside should wear N-95, or higher, face masks and use air purifiers in all classrooms and offices.
200+	Very Unhealthy	Everyone may experience more serious health effects	Students: All outdoor activities are cancelled, masks are encouraged for all students and staff when outdoors, and masks are required for all elementary students. (parents must provide N-95 or better masks). Staff: N-95, or higher, face masks must be worn if outside for extended period of time and use air purifiers in all classrooms and offices.

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Notes:

1. Each day during the smog season (as determined by ICS admin), students who come before 7:15 should go to the cafeteria or other designated indoor area.
2. The decisions for modification of activities or cancellation of activities will be made by the Athletic director in consultation with a member of the administration.