

CALHOUN R-VIII SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents:

These are the policy or guidelines for going outside for recess for grades K-5th. We will intend to go outside everyday as long as the temperature or wind chill is at least 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and it is not precipitating. We encourage you to not request that children not go out for recess unless their health is at risk. The fresh air often is a more positive experience than staying inside all day.

Parents and care givers are encouraged to monitor their children's clothing selections to make sure they are prepared for colder temperatures and are appropriately dressed for outdoor recesses. Children reporting to school without proper winter attire will not be permitted to participate in outdoor recess. This is done to keep our students safe and healthy. **Children will remain indoors if the temperature is below 32 degrees F or above 96 heat index.**

We have used some of the guidelines of the Child Care Weather Watch by the Missouri Department of Education and their Childhood Department. There is lots of good weather information and tips available on their website. It can be found at <https://dese.mo.gov/media/pdf/office-childhood-child-care-weather-watch>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call my office.

Winter Clothing Guidelines:

Between 32-40 F, children must wear: Winter coat, closed shoes/boots; hat and gloves recommended.

Between 41-50 F, children must wear: Winter coat or heavy jacket, closed shoes/boots; hat and gloves optional.

Between 51-60 F, children must wear: Winter coat, heavy jacket or sweatshirt/hoodie, closed shoes/boots; hats and gloves optional.

Sincerely,

Shane Stocks