

## Storm Resources for

# LAUSD Parents

Storms will bring rain, flooding, and high winds. LAUSD schools have extensive emergency plans in place. Ask to review plans at your child's school.

**All students are expected at school daily, and each school is prepared for emergencies.**



## School Preparedness

- School is one of the safest places for students to be during an emergency. LAUSD has worked hard to make sure that schools are safe during storms, including repairs, weather information, and training.
- Every LAUSD school has emergency water, food, first aid supplies, and search and rescue equipment.
- School emergency information sources:
  - District/school messages through phone, text and email
  - KLCS, LAUSD television station
  - KNX News Radio, AM 1070, FM 97.1
  - <http://lausd.org>
  - Your school's website
  - facebook.com/LASchools
  - twitter.com/LASchools
  - instagram.com/LASchools
  - LAUSD Transportation 1-800-LA BUSES
  - Before/After school programs: Beyond the Bell 213-241-7900



## Internet Resources

- National Weather Service for Los Angeles Area -  
<http://www.weather.gov/lox>
- LA County rain resources -  
<http://ready.lacounty.gov/rain>
- Disaster preparedness  
<http://www.redcross.org/prepare>
- Disaster preparedness  
<http://www.ready.gov/natural-disasters>



## Weather Alert Lingo

- **Watch:** Conditions are favorable for an event; usually covers a large area and timeframe.
- **Advisory:** Conditions are likely to occur but not severe enough to prompt a warning.
- **Warning:** An event is already occurring or is likely to occur immediately. Warnings are only issued for severe events that threaten life safety.



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Please review the below tips with your family.



## Family Preparedness

- Check the weather forecast and have children dress appropriately for weather expected throughout the day. Send extra clothing if needed.
- If your child has a disability or medical condition, discuss the impact of flooding, power outages or other weather effects with your child's teachers.
- Remind children never to play in river/creek channels or storm drains. A few inches of water can easily knock someone off their feet.
- Keep emergency contact information updated. If weather-related changes are made to school schedules and activities, you will be notified by phone and/or email.



## Parent/Student Walking Tips

- Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding. If you are caught outdoors during a heavy rain or flood, climb to high ground and stay there.
- Stay back from rushing water, as during flash floods water can increase suddenly.
- If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, STOP! Turn around and go another way.
- Don't walk through flooded areas. As little as six inches of moving water can knock over an adult.
- Children should NEVER play around high water, storm drains, viaducts, or arroyos.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires. Electrocutation is another major source of deaths in floods. Electric current passes easily through water.



## Driving Tips

- **Headlights on** will help you see better on foggy or rainy days and it will help other drivers see you.
- **Increase following distance** and watch for brake lights ahead.
- **Slow down.** It takes longer to stop in wet weather, and the faster you drive, the greater the chances of hydroplaning.
- **Turn around, don't drown.** Never drive through moving flood waters. It takes just 12 inches of water to move a car.

