SCHOOL SAFETY
PLAINLY

FOR STAFF & PARENTS

TORNADO WARNINGS AT SCHOOL

Why schools shelter in place, and why pickup waits for the all-clear.

DURING A WARNING

WHAT SCHOOLS DO

- **Move students to interior halls and rooms** on the lowest floor, away from windows, gyms and cafeterias.
- **Shelter position:** kneel facing an interior wall, head down, hands covering the back of the neck.
- **Take attendance** once everyone is in place.

THE HARD PART

PICKUP

- **Most schools won't release students during a warning.** A sturdy building is safer than a car on the road.
- **Wait for the school's all-clear message** before you head over.

DO IT NOW

STAY INFORMED

- **Keep your cell number current** with the school so you get its alerts.
- **Turn on weather warnings** in a phone app, or keep a weather radio at home.

Source: National Weather Service school severe weather guidance.

In an emergency, call 911 first.

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