

Purpose: To have students consider where the most logical locations to keep a NOAA Weather Radio in their schools. The StormReady Supporter application requires that schools have NOAA Weather Radios in appropriate locations in the school. In addition, this activity will allow students to engage in the 21st Century Skills of Communication, Collaboration, and Critical Thinking.

Special Note: This activity may require student internet access.

Instructions for Teacher:

1. Distribute “Worksheet 1-1: NOAA Weather Radios”.

Have students work on Worksheet 1-1: NOAA Weather Radios about what would be good or bad about having a NOAA Weather Radio in these rooms. Instruct students what a NOAA Weather Radio is and what it does. Consider printing out and providing the brochure (in additional references section) or other resources provided below. Also encourage the students to think about other places in the building that might be good to keep a NOAA Weather Radio.

2. After students have completed the worksheet, have them discuss as a class what is good and bad about each of the rooms listed on the worksheet. Give input to the discussion as appropriate. Then, as a class, decide where NOAA Weather Radios should be kept within the building. There is no limit to how many locations have NOAA Weather Radios in the building, except any financial considerations that your school or district may have.

Have the students think about the following questions during the discussion (also listed on worksheet):

- Where will people hear the NOAA Weather Radio?
- Where will decision-makers be during hazardous weather situations?
- Who in the building should be made aware of hazardous weather situations?
- Where will the radio not pose a distraction?
- Where will the radio make the greatest impact in alerting those in the building about hazardous weather?

You can use the chart on the last page of this element’s section to keep track of the discussion.

After the Activity: Consult with your school’s EOP on where NOAA Weather Radios are to be kept. If none are in the building or required, consider having the administration amend to the EOP to include NOAA Weather Radios. NOAA Weather Radios usually cost less than \$35 each and should be installed and operating before StormReady Supporter status is applied for/granted. School Administration should determine the financial feasibility of purchasing NOAA Weather Radios. As mentioned above, the more NOAA Weather Radios within the building, the better. In addition to these locations, consider having the school or district provide portable radios for those who attend the SkyWarn class (Element 5-1).



For more information about NOAA Weather Radios, go to the following websites:
NOAA Weather Radio Brochure (provided in additional references section)
NOAA Weather Radio Website: www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr
Midland Weather Radios: <https://midlandusa.com/weather-radios/>



Location in Building	Notes on Location	Use this location?
Principal's Office		
Gymnasium		
Library		
Cafeteria		
Nurse's Office		
Main Office		
Athletic Office		
Janitors' Office		
Bathrooms		
Teachers' Lounge		
Your Science Classroom		
Security/ Student Resource Officer's Office		

