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## BUZZR E/I Programming Descriptions

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### Aqua Kids

*Aqua Kids* is a weekly half-hour series that educates young people about ecology, wildlife, and science and how it relates to them. Viewers learn how eco-systems connect and what young people can do to make a positive difference in the world.

### Dragonfly TV

*Dragonfly TV* is a weekly half-hour science television series that highlights children doing projects with hands-on experience and demonstrates the practical applications of mathematics and science. It introduces young viewers to a variety of scientific disciplines and challenges them in critical thinking and problem solving skills, while providing valuable information to reach answers. Each episode is engaging, entertaining, and educational in structure, allowing children to investigate science on their own.

### Walking Wild

*Walking Wild* is a weekly half-hour reality series showcasing various wild animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. The series focuses on the dedicated people who look after these spectacular critters. The program also gives teen viewers a unique, up-close examination of each wild animal. *Walking Wild* is a series intended to educate and inform viewers all about life in the animal kingdom.

### Wild Wonders

*Wild Wonders* is a weekly half-hour reality series allowing teen viewers to become familiar with various wild animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. The series focuses on various critters and examines their differences. The program also provides important information about each animal's living habits and includes interviews with people who care for them. *Wild Wonders* is a series intended to educate and inform viewers all about life in the animal kingdom.



2016-2017 SEASON

## ME-TV NETWORK CHILDREN'S E/I PROGRAMMING

SERIES NAME	SYNOPSIS	RATINGS	TARGET AUDIENCE	E/I or NON
BEAKMAN'S WORLD	This live-action series based on the comic strip by Jok Church stars performance artist Paul Zaloom as the slightly nutty but never boring scientist who leads a journey of discovery while performing experiments that demonstrate how the world works. Topics are addressed with cutting-edge humor and state-of-the-art visuals that make learning fun. Joining Beakman in his quest are Josie (Alanna Ubach), his bright young apprentice, and an oversize, sarcastic rat named Lester (Mark Ritts).	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
BILL NYE, THE SCIENCE GUY	With 28 Emmys and a slew of other prestigious awards, Disney's resident way-cool scientist knows how to get kids fired up about science. From Earth science to complex discussions on genetics, Bill Nye's enthusiasm for all things science is contagious.	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
MYSTERY HUNTERS	Mystery Hunters explores some of the world's greatest myths and mysteries. Combining on-site reporting and exciting adventures, the Mystery Hunters uses science and reasoning to try to uncover the truth. The program teaches children how to gather facts, meet with experts, debunk common myths, and offer explanations for legends. 2006 Winner of a Parents' Choice Award, Mystery Hunters.	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
SAVED BY THE BELL	Saved By The Bell is a television series targeted to teens 13-16 years of age, which explores social themes and coping strategies through the daily school life of six teen-aged friends at Bayside High who help each other make the most of growing up in a complicated world. The multi-ethnic cast members serve as role models for young teen viewers as they deal with such issues as dealing with the death of a loved one, the right to say "no," the meaning of heroism, teenage alcohol use and other issues of particular concern to young teens.	TV-PG	K13-16	E/I



## ON THE HILL

FOX5 News on The Hill is a half hour live political show hosted by Tom Fitzgerald along with The Hill's Editor in Chief Bob Cusack. The show airs each Sunday at 8:30am. The hosts report and analyze the big headlines and stories from the campaign trail, along with political news from the White House and Capitol Hill.

### Episodes 3rd Quarter 2019:

- Sunday, July 7
- Sunday, July 14
- Sunday, July 21
- Sunday, July 28
- Sunday, Aug 4
- Sunday, Aug 11
- Sunday, Aug 18
- Sunday, Aug 25
- Sunday, Sept 1
- Sunday, Sept 8
- Sunday Sept 15
- Sunday Sept 22
- Sunday Sept 29



## LIKE IT OR NOT

A new take on the news of the week is coming to FOX 5-- FOX 5's Like It Or Not. Hosted by Britt McHenry, Bram Weinstein, and Guy Lambert, "FOX 5's Like It Or Not" will go beyond the headlines and provide edgy, controversial commentary, discussing the news of the week in politics, entertainment and pop culture.

"Buckle up! This isn't your typical traditional news program. Bram, Britt and Guy are provocative and intelligent and will present their candid opinions and observations on a wide range of news of the day topics and issues," said FOX 5 Vice President and General Manager Patrick Paolini.

Program airs Monday – Friday 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. on WTTG.

From July 1 to Sept 27.

WTTG/Channel 5

Program Information Report



*The First 5* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:00 – 4:30 am and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

*Fox 5 Morning News at 4:30 am* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:30-5:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

*Fox 5 Morning News* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:00- 9:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

*Fox 5 @ 4* - A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:00-5:00pm and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

*Fox 5 News at 5* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:00-6:00pm and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

*Fox 5 News at 6* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 6:00-6:30pm and covers news headlines, sports, weather and local news.

*5 @ 6:30pm*- A Monday through Friday rundown news program that airs from 6:30-7:00pm and covers news headlines, politics and local news.

*Fox 5 News at 10* – A daily one-hour news program that airs from 10:00-11:00pm featuring local, national and international news headlines as well as in depth local stories, investigative reports, sports and weather information.

*Fox 5 News at 11* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 11:00-11:30pm featuring local news, weather and sports.

*The Final 5* – A Monday through Friday program that air 11:30 – 12:00 midnight featuring anchor Jim Lokay and his take on the daily current events.

Origination: Local

Issues addressed:

1. Crime
2. Local politics
3. National politics
4. Health
5. Education
6. Community
7. Housing
8. Transportation
9. Environment
10. Children

*Fox News Sunday* – A one-hour weekly program, airing Sundays from 9:00-10:00am that looks at the most pressing issues of the week from the White House, Congress and Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court and various government agencies and conducts interviews with political newsmakers. Origination: Network

# 3rd QUARTER

## FOX NEWS SUNDAY GUESTS

**July 7, 2019**

**White House/immigration**

Ken Cuccinelli

**2020**

Sen Michael Bennet

**July 14, 2019**

**White House/ICE raids**

Kellyanne Conway

**Dems/immigration**

Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)

**July 21, 2019**

**White house**

Stephen Miller

**Mueller/congress**

Jerry Nadler (D-NY)

**July 28, 2019**

**White House**

Mick Mulvaney

**2020 Dems**

Andrew Yang

**August 4, 2019**

**El Paso Shooting**

Mayor Dee Margo

**White House**

Peter Navarro

**2020 Dems**

Pete Buttigieg

**August 11, 2019**

**White House**

Kellyanne Conway

**2020 Dems**

Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH)

**Guns/Shootings**

Gov. Mike Dewine (R-OH)

**August 18, 2019**

**White House**

Larry Kudlow

**2020 Election**

Gov Steve Bullock (D-MT)

**August 25, 2019**



**White House**  
Steven Mnuchin  
**2020 election**  
Amy Klobuchar

**September 1, 2019**

**Hurricane Dorian**  
Sen Rick Scott  
Pete Gaynor, FEMA  
**Economy/labor**  
Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO President

**September 8, 2019**

**White House**  
Mike Pompeo  
**2020 election**  
Mark Sanford

**September 15, 2019**

**White House**  
Kellyanne Conway  
**Dems/Guns/Impeachment/ Big Tech**  
Rep David Cicilline

**September 22, 2019**

**White House**  
Mike Pompeo  
**White House/Ukraine Controversy/Whistleblower**  
Rudy Giuliani  
**Dems/Impeachment/ Guns**  
Sen Ben Cardin

**September 29, 2019**

**White House**  
Stephen Miller  
**Dems/Impeachment/Ukraine Whistleblower**  
Rep Hakeem Jeffries

# SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING

## Third Quarter 2019

*Crime*  
*Sept 4, 2019*

### **Two men arrested in armed robbery that led to Herndon shooting involving officer, police say**

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Crime and Public Safety  
FOX 5 DC

*Link:* <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/two-men-arrested-in-armed-robbery-that-led-to-herndon-shooting-involving-officer-police-say>



Edward Mejia Sandoval and Manuel Casco (Herndon Police Department)

**HERNDON, Va. (FOX 5 DC)** - Two Maryland men are behind bars for an armed robbery at a business in the Town of Herndon Monday, according to police. The robbery led to a shooting involving a Herndon Police officer.

**RELATED: Herndon police officer involved in shooting while responding to armed robbery**

Police say Edward Raul Mejia Sandoval, 22 and Manuel Enrique Casco, 34, entered the business in the 700 block of Elden Street and displayed a handgun before demanding money. The two men assaulted two female employees in the process, police say.

After the robbery, police say an officer encountered Sandoval and Casco as they were running from the business.

The officer chased the suspects on foot when police say one of the men displayed a handgun before an exchange of gunfire ensued between the officer and the suspect. No injuries were reported in the shooting.

Sandoval was taken into custody quickly after the shootout. Casco was arrested a short time later following an armed carjacking in the 1000 block of Elden Street.

Police say a handgun was recovered during an investigation.

**RELATED: Paramedic helps take down suspect in Herndon police-involved shooting**

Sandoval was charged with two counts of robbery and two counts of threatening to abduct with the intent to defile. Casco was charged with robbery, carjacking and two counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Police say both men were taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where they are currently being held without bond.

If you witnessed the incident, contact police at 703-246-7800.

*Local Politics*  
*Aug 28, 2019*

# Policy on automatic citizenship for children born abroad to US military members changed

By Amy Lieu

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*Policy on automatic citizenship for children born abroad to US military members changed*

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issued a new policy alert that rescinded previous guidance.

**WASHINGTON** - The children of some overseas U.S. military members and government employees will no longer receive automatic citizenship, the Trump administration said Wednesday in a policy alert.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issued a [new policy alert](#) that rescinded previous guidance stating that children of U.S. military members and government officials abroad are considered “residing in the United States” and given automatic citizenship under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), section 320.

USCIS spokesperson Meredith Parker further explained the new policy to [Task & Purpose](#), a military and veteran’s news outlet.

"The policy change explains that we will not consider children who live abroad with their parents to be residing in the United States even if their parents are U.S. government employees or U.S. service members stationed outside of the United States, and as a result, these children will no longer be considered to have acquired citizenship automatically," Parker said.

USCIS said its new rule would affect three categories of people: children of non-U.S. citizens adopted by U.S. citizen government employees or service members; children of non-U.S. citizen government employees or service members who were naturalized after the child's birth; and children of U.S. citizens who do not meet residency requirements, according to [the Hill](#).

With the new policy guidance, the children now have to fulfill a residency requirement in which they have to physically live on U.S. soil, according to the Hill. Living abroad with U.S. citizen parents will no longer fulfill the residency requirement, the report said.

Instead, the policy said that "U.S. citizen parents who are residing outside the U.S. with children who are not U.S. citizens should apply for U.S. citizenship on behalf of their children under INA 322, and must complete the process before the child's 18th birthday."

The child of a member of the U.S. armed forces who is accompanying his or her parent abroad on official orders may be eligible to complete all aspects of the naturalization proceedings abroad, which includes interviews, filings, oaths, ceremonies, or other proceedings relating to naturalization, the policy said.

The policy said prior USCIS guidance is "in conflict" with several provisions of the INA, which includes the definition of "residence."

"Considering children who are living outside of the United States to be 'residing in the United States' conflicts with the definition of 'residence' at INA 101(a)(33), which defines 'residence' as a person's 'principal, actual dwelling place in fact,'" the policy said.

The prior guideline also "resulted in confusion" as to the date a child acquired U.S. citizenship, the new policy said.

If a U.S. government employee or armed forces member stationed outside of the U.S. is a parent who used Form N-600K, it would result in a naturalization proceeding under INA 322. If the parent used Form N-600, it would result in automatic citizenship under INA 320.

Previously, the policy said children of U.S. government employees and members of the U.S. armed forces who were employed or stationed outside of the U.S. should be considered to be both “residing in the United States” for purposes of INA 320 and “residing outside of the United States” for purposes of INA 322.

Under INA 320, children who acquire U.S. citizenship automatically are citizens as of the date on which they meet all eligibility criteria, the policy said. But children who seek naturalization under INA 322 become citizens upon taking and subscribing to the oath of allegiance, or upon approval of the application if the oath is waived.

Under USCIS’ prior guidance, a child of a U.S. government employee or armed forces member who was stationed outside of the U.S. could meet all of the eligibility criteria for acquiring citizenship under INA 320 while residing outside of the U.S., but the child could still also seek to naturalize under INA 322, the new policy said, adding that “In such a case, the date on which the child became a citizen would have been unclear.”

USCIS Acting Director Ken Cuccinelli tweeted a statement about the new policy alert, saying “some people are freaking out over nothing.”

“The policy manual update today does not affect who is born a U.S. citizen, period. It only affects children who were born outside the US and were not US citizens. This does NOT impact birthright citizenship,” he tweeted. “The policy update doesn’t deny citizenship to the children of US gov employees or members of the military born abroad. This policy aligns USCIS’ process with the Department of State’s procedures for these children - that’s it. Period. Background in next tweet...”

“US laws allow children to acquire US citizenship other than through birth in the US. Children born outside of the US to a US citizen parent or parents may be US citizens at birth under INA 301 or 309, or before age 18 through their US citizen parent(s) under INA 320,” Cuccinelli continued in a third tweet.

Earlier in the day, he tweeted, "...the highly technical policy manual used by career employees here as a reference was updated today to conform USCIS practices with the Dept. of State - that's it. But some people are freaking out over nothing."

The new guideline, which will be effective Oct. 29, 2019, nonetheless drew swift backlash from Democratic lawmakers, the Hill reported.

"This move by the administration will make it harder for Americans serving our country overseas to have families," Rep. Val Demings, D-Fla, told the outlet. "This also appears to be an initial step toward ending birthright citizenship, something which the president has threatened to do—and which would be unconstitutional."

*This story was reported from Los Angeles.*

*National Politics*  
*Aug 25, 2019*

## **Trump revives suggestion of ending birthright citizenship**

**By Colleen Long**  
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**Associated Press**

Link: <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/trump-revives-suggestion-of-ending-birthright-citizenship>



President Donald Trump (Official White House photo by Tia Dufour )

**WASHINGTON** - President Donald Trump said Wednesday he was looking "very seriously" at ending the right to citizenship for babies born to non-U.S. citizens on American soil.

Trump spoke to reporters as he departed the White House for a speech in Louisville, Kentucky. He said birthright citizenship was "frankly ridiculous."

"We're looking at it very, very seriously," he said.



This isn't the first time Trump has claimed he'd do away with it - he said something similar in October.

But the citizenship proposal would inevitably spark a longshot legal battle over whether the president can alter the long accepted understanding that the 14th Amendment grants citizenship to any child born on U.S. soil, regardless of a parent's immigration status.

James Ho, a conservative Trump-appointed federal appeals court judge, wrote in 2006, before his appointment, that birthright citizenship "is protected no less for children of undocumented persons than for descendants of Mayflower passengers."

#### **RELATED COVERAGE:**

[Trump extends fast-track deportation authority across US](#)

[Court: US can reject asylum along parts of southern border](#)

[Federal panel rules soap, sleep essential to migrant kids' safety](#)

[Lawsuit: Migrant children molested in U.S.-funded foster care](#)

But Trump has said he was assured by his lawyers that the change could be made "just with an executive order" - an argument he has been making since his early days as a candidate, when he dubbed birthright citizenship a "magnet for illegal immigration" and pledged to end it.

There are no figures on how many foreign women travel to the U.S. specifically to give birth. The Center for Immigration Studies, a group that advocates for stricter immigration laws, estimated that in 2012 about 36,000 foreign-born women gave birth in the U.S., then left the country.

Places like Florida have seen in a boom in so-called "birth tourism." Every year, hundreds of pregnant Russian women travel to the United States to give birth, paying from \$20,000 to more than \$50,000 to brokers who arrange their travel documents, accommodations and hospital stays. Sizable numbers of women from China and Nigeria also come to the U.S. for the same reason.

Trump's comments Wednesday came as the administration continued to make immigration changes pushed by his hardline advisers that have been in the works for months. On Wednesday, the Department of Homeland Security announced it had moved to end a longstanding federal agreement that limits how long immigrant children can be kept in detention. The decision will

almost certainly lead to a legal battle over the government's desire to hold migrant families until their cases are decided.

The rule follows moves last week to broaden the definition of a "public charge" - a burden to the U.S. - to include immigrants on public assistance, potentially denying green cards to more immigrants. There was also a recent effort to effectively end asylum altogether at the southern border.

*Community*  
*Aug 15, 2019*

## **US agency defends DC shelter for unaccompanied migrant kids**

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**News**  
**Associated Press**

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has defended its plan to house unaccompanied migrant children in Washington, D.C.

The Washington Post reports DHHS says unaccompanied minors were apprehended alone, unlike migrant children separated from their families. It says its wards have beds and access to meals, legal services, games and classes.

It says it awarded Dynamic Service Solutions a \$20.5 million contract this month to operate a 200-bed District facility for kids ages 12 to 17. The Maryland-based contractor has applied for a permit to open the shelter and posted jobs for people to work with "unaccompanied alien" children there.

City officials have denounced the shelter and Councilwoman Brianne K. Nadeau may propose emergency legislation to limit the number of youths allowed at shelters.

And they're not alone. FOX 5 talked to a number of residents in the District's Takoma neighborhood - and they all had objections to such a facility.

At issue is a building on Laurel Street, Northwest. Health and Human Services wants to place a 200-bed shelter for unaccompanied immigrant children in the building. They say it would be outfitted with classrooms, recreation space, and living space.

[Both D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and Councilmember Brandon Todd wrote letters saying they'll fight it.](#)

Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson is fighting proposals for similar facilities there.

"I'm never surprised by the vindictiveness of this administration in pretty much any policy area, but we would hope they would follow the law and choose appropriate locations and appropriate environments," Wilson said.

In a statement, the Department of Health and Human Services said they treat the children "with dignity and respect." The shelter is now caught in a tug of war. A contractor applied for a permit, but D.C. declared it inadequate, and so the application is still pending.

*Health*  
*Aug 22, 2019*

## **New blood-sucking leech identified in DC-area swamps**

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*New parasite identified in the DC area - Courtesy: Ian Cook*

The swamps of the Metro D.C. area have produced a new kind of parasite.

**WASHINGTON** - The swamps of the Metro D.C. area have produced a new kind of parasite. Scientists from [the Smithsonian](#) recently published a paper in the Journal of Parasitology documenting their discovery of *Macrobdeella mimicus* – the first new species of leech to be discovered in more than four decades.

The leech species olive green with orange spots, and about as long as a cigarette. Other features closely resemble the species *M. decora*, prompting the scientists to name it *Macrobdeella mimicus*, which comes from the Greek word for “imitator.”

The new species, which was initially identified in Southern Maryland, can be found in a number of locations from Northern Georgia to Long Island.

The scientist who discovered the new species told [Smithsonian.com](#), “It’s not something new that’s come up; it’s something that has been there the whole time, unrecognized.”

For more details on the new leech, go to the [Smithsonian website](#).

*Housing*  
*Aug 27, 2019*

## **DCRA, DC Fire and EMS knew of hazardous conditions inside DC row house prior to fire that killed boy, man: sources**

By Paul Wagner and Evan Lambert  
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News  
FOX 5 DC

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*DCRA, DC Fire and EMS knew of hazardous conditions inside DC row house prior to fire that killed boy, man: sources*

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**RELATED: 9-year-old pulled from Northwest DC fire in critical condition has died, officials say**

According to sources, the row house located on the 700 block of Kennedy Street NW was illegally divided into several small apartments.

In March of this year, a D.C. police officer was called to the house for a domestic dispute. Once inside, the officer noticed and documented unsafe conditions.

A source familiar with the investigation tells FOX 5 the officer turned on his body camera to document the fire hazards but that information has not yet been confirmed by city officials.

The source says the officer wrote a detailed account of what he saw and then followed up numerous times.

Kevin Donahue, the deputy mayor for public safety, says an inspector with DCRA went to the home three times but never got inside, so they decided to close the case without seeking a search warrant.

**RELATED: Criminal investigation launched after man, boy die in Northwest DC fire**

Now, the city is hiring an auditing firm to investigate DCRA and DC Fire and EMS to try to get to the bottom of what happened.

FOX 5 has confirmed four employees are now on leave in light of these new revelations.



*Transportation*  
*Sept 3, 2019*

## **School begins in Maryland; Terrible Traffic Tuesday marks return of heavier congestion to region's roadways**

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Education  
FOX 5 DC

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School begins in Maryland; Terrible Traffic Tuesday marks return of heavier congestion to region's roadways

**GAITHERSBURG, Md.** - Labor Day has passed, and in Maryland, that means hundreds of thousands of students headed back to class on Tuesday.

In 2016, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan signed an executive order that requires schools in the state to start after the unofficial end of summer holiday. Earlier this year, lawmakers in Annapolis pushed back against the governor in an attempt to return the start day decision back to local school districts.

The first day of school in Maryland also marks the beginning of heavier congestion across the region's roadways. The first day of the phenomenon, which has earned the nickname Terrible Traffic Tuesday, ushers in some of the worst gridlock and traffic jams in the nation.

*Education*  
*Sept 4, 2019*

## **'No Zero' policy at Maryland school draws scrutiny**

By **Lindsay Watts**

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*'No Zero' policy at Maryland school draws scrutiny*

A Montgomery County high school has created its own grading policy, telling teachers they can no longer give students a grade of “zero” even if the student doesn’t do any work.

**POTOMAC, Md. (FOX 5 DC)** - A Montgomery County high school has created its own grading policy, telling teachers they can no longer give students a grade of “zero” even if the student doesn’t do any work.

A source provided FOX 5 material from the presentation given to teachers on the “No Zero Policy” at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac.

The mandate goes beyond the school district's grading policy. A Montgomery County Public Schools spokesman said Wednesday that the school district was not aware of it until FOX 5 reached out.

In Montgomery County, it's already pretty difficult for a student to fail. Under the school district's policy, if a middle or high school student takes a test and gets every answer wrong, the grade is not a zero, it's a 50 percent. MCPS policy prohibits teachers from "assigning a grade lower than 50 percent to a task/assessment," but goes on to say, "if a student does no work on the task/assessment, the teacher will assign a zero. If a teacher determines the student did not attempt to meet the basic requirements of the task/assessment or the student engaged in academic dishonesty, the teacher may assign a zero."

A Churchill high school teacher, who didn't want to be identified, said he feels the policy sends students the wrong message. He's also concerned that it deviates from the districtwide policy.

"If it's an MCPS policy, fine," he said. "I have a problem with it being policy in some high schools and not others because that's lack of consistency across the school system."

MCPS spokesman Derek Turner said school district officials are now investigating whether this is a violation of policy. He said leadership at Churchill believes they have authority to make the change. Turner said he's not aware of other MCPS schools with the "No Zero" policy.

Michael Petrilli is a Montgomery County parent and president of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, a conservative-leaning education think tank. He said educators' power to enforce standards is being taken away.

"We're trying to prepare these teenagers for the real world which is going to hit them in the face just a few years from now," Petrilli said.

He said he understands the district's policy is meant to keep students from losing motivation.

"If they get a zero on a big assignment and it means that from the beginning almost of the semester they know they're going to flunk that course, then you have a student who's not motivated at all," Petrilli said. "That's an issue. The district is trying to address that. But to then

say that if instead you have a kid who's just refusing to do the work, and you're not going to give them a zero, I don't understand that line of thinking. And if I were a teacher, I'd be very frustrated."

It's unknown what prompted Churchill leaders to make the change. The graduation rate at the school last year was over 97 percent.

*Environment*  
*Sept 5, 2019*

## **Hurricane Dorian slightly weakens to Category 2 as storm threatens coastal Carolinas**

By **Michael Biesecker**  
Published **5 hours ago**  
**Hurricane Dorian**  
**Associated Press**

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People are seen next to the sea as the outer bands of Hurricane Dorian approach in Charleston, South Carolina, United States on September 4, 2019. (Photo by Vural Elibol/Anadolu Agency via Getty Images)

**CHARLESTON, S.C.** - Hurricane Dorian raked the coastal Carolinas with howling, window-rattling winds and sideways rain Thursday, spinning off tornadoes and knocking out power to more than 200,000 homes and businesses as it pushed northward toward the dangerously exposed Outer Banks.

Leaving at least 20 people dead in its wake in the devastated Bahamas, Dorian made its way up the Eastern Seaboard, sweeping past Florida on Wednesday at a relatively safe distance. From there, the storm apparently grazed Georgia overnight, then hugged the South Carolina coast with more serious effects.

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It strengthened briefly to a Category 3 hurricane, then dropped back to a Category 2, with winds of 110 mph, still a threat to hundreds of miles of coastline.

"Get to safety and stay there," North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said. "This won't be a brush-by. Whether it comes ashore or not, the eye of the storm will be close enough to cause extensive damage in North Carolina."

An estimated 3 million people in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas were warned to evacuate as the storm closed in. Navy ships were ordered to ride it out at sea, and military aircraft were moved inland.

At least two deaths were reported on the U.S. mainland, in Florida and North Carolina, both involving men who fell while getting ready for the storm.

The National Hurricane Center's projected track showed Dorian passing near or over North Carolina's Outer Banks on Friday, lashing the thin line of islands that stick out from the U.S. coast like a boxer's chin. Dorian was then expected to peel away from the shoreline.

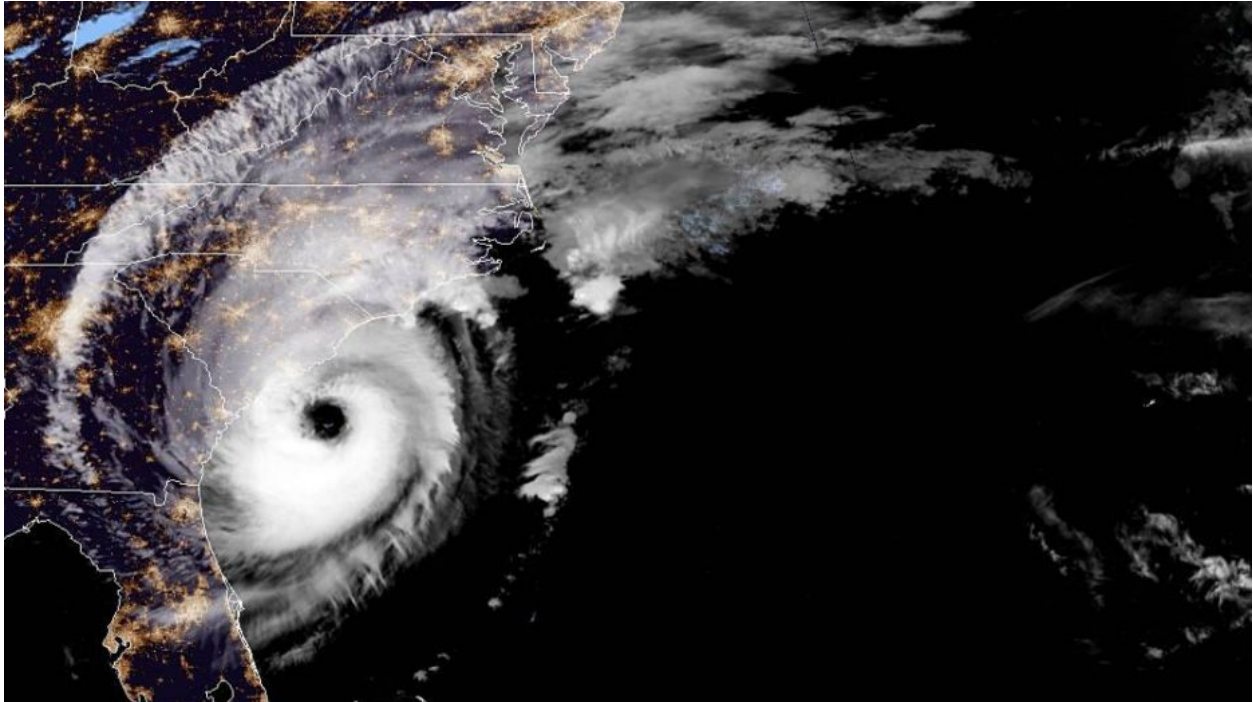
"I think we're in for a great big mess," said Leslie Lanier, who decided to stay behind and boarded up her home and bookstore on Ocracoke Island on the Outer Banks, making sure to move the volumes 5 to 6 feet off the ground.

"We are thinking maybe we should have moved the books higher because of storm surge," Lanier said. "But we're kind of to the point where we can't do much more."

In an assault that began over Labor Day weekend, Dorian pounded the Bahamas with Category 5 winds up to 185 mph, obliterating entire neighborhoods and triggering a humanitarian crisis.

About 830,000 people were under mandatory evacuation orders on the South Carolina coast alone.

The National Hurricane Center forecast as much as 15 inches of rain for the coastal Carolinas, with flash-flooding likely.



A satellite image taken on Sept. 5, 2019 shows Hurricane Dorian nearing the U.S. coast. (Photo credit: NOAA) In Charleston, South Carolina, a historic port city of handsome antebellum homes on a peninsula that is prone to flooding even from ordinary storms, the wind sent sheets of rain sideways, thunder boomed in the night sky, and power flickered on and off as the storm closed in. More than two dozen blocks were closed by flooding in the city, where stores and restaurants downtown were boarded up with wood and corrugated metal.

The hurricane's approach coincided with a rising tide in the afternoon that forecasters said could worsen flooding in the city.

Dorian also apparently spun off at least one tornado in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, damaging several homes, city spokesman Patrick Dowling said. The beach town of Emerald Isle, North Carolina, said a tornado touched there, too, and it posted pictures of smashed homes and RVs. No injuries were reported.

By late morning, in coastal Wilmington, North Carolina, just above the South Carolina line, heavy rain fell sideways, trees bent in the wind and traffic lights swayed.

At 11 a.m. EDT Thursday, the hurricane was centered about 50 miles southeast of Charleston, moving north at 8 mph with winds of 110 mph extending about 60 miles outward.

Hundreds of shelter animals from coastal South Carolina arrived in Delaware ahead of the storm. The News Journal of Wilmington, Delaware, said 200 were airlifted early Tuesday from shelters in danger of flooding. About 150 more were expected to arrive via land.

In Georgia, evacuation orders covering hundreds of thousands of people along the coast were lifted Thursday morning after the shoreline was largely spared by Dorian overnight.

Mayor Jason Buelterman of Tybee Island, Georgia, said the beach community of 3,000 people came through it without flooding, and the lone highway linking the island to Savannah on the mainland remained open throughout the night

"If the worst that comes out of this is people blame others for calling evacuations, then that's wonderful," he said.

Tybee Islander Bruce Pevey went outside to take photos of unscathed homes to text to neighbors who evacuated. The storm, he said, turned out to be "a bunch of nothing."

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## **Amber Alert issued for 4-year-old girl missing since July 6**

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**FAIRMONT, W.Va.** - The West Virginia State Police are asking for the public's help finding a 4-year-old girl who they say was abducted by her father.

Gracelynn June Scritchfield was last seen on July 6 in Fairmont. Police say she was taken by her father, 24-year-old Arlie Edward Hetrick III.

Police believe they are traveling in a 2001 Gold Subaru Forester, WV License Plate 1TH163.

The Arizona Department of Public Safety said on Tuesday that the vehicle was spotted in Arizona.

It's not known why he took the girl.

Gracelynn is described as 3-feet tall and weighing around 35 pounds. She has brownish-blond hair.

Hetrick is described as 5-feet 9-inches tall weighing about 140 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes.

Anyone with information regarding Gracelynn's whereabouts is asked to contact the West Virginia State Police or call 911.