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## Lightning kills boy, 9

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Durban - A nine-year-old KwaZulu-Natal boy died after he was struck by lightning, police said on Friday.

Police spokesperson Superintendent Jay Naicker said the body of Samkelo Manqele was found on Thursday evening by people walking along a footpath in the Esikhaleni Nature Reserve in Nkandla in northern KZN.

"According to the boy's family, the grade two learner from Sibovu Combined Primary School was returning home from school when the incident occurred," said Naicker.

He said there was severe lightning and a thunderstorm in the area at the time.

"The deceased's clothes appeared torn and shredded and police will open an inquest docket into the boy's death... We do not suspect any foul play at this stage," Naicker said.

