

**Non-Instructional/Business  
Operations**

**SUBJECT: WELLNESS**

**Sun Safety**

- a. The District's Board of Education recognizes that the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause skin cancer. To help prevent skin cancer, the District will support sun safety behaviors in students; provide environmental supports to avoid overexposure to the sun when students are outdoors; and provide key sun safety education; and communication with students and families.
- b. Hats, Protective Clothing, and Sunglasses**
  - i. Students will be allowed and encouraged to wear articles of sun protective clothing including hats and sunglasses when outdoors.
  - ii. The District's Student Dress Code may specify the type(s) of clothing that are, or are not, permissible on campus.
- c. Sunscreen**
  - i. Students can carry and use topical, over-the-counter sunscreen products approved by the US Food and Drug Administration with the written permission of the parent or guardian of the student.
  - ii. Students who are physically unable to apply sunscreen may be assisted by unlicensed personnel when directed to do so by the student.
  - iii. An annually updated record of this permission must be maintained by the school.
  - iv. Sunscreen cannot be shared with other students. Parents or guardians are responsible for providing the sunscreen to be used at school.
  - v. Students will be allowed time and encouraged to apply sunscreen before going outside at school.
- d. Shade Protection and Scheduling**
  - i. School administrators, building and grounds personnel, and other District employees will consider the availability of shade when planning outdoor activities.
  - ii. Appropriate staff will encourage the use of shaded or indoor areas for congregation and recreation as appropriate. Especially during times between 10am and 4 pm when the sun is at peak intensity.
  - iii. Appropriate staff will survey the school campus to identify areas where the addition of shade would be practical and desirable.
- e. Education and Communication**
  - i. All district staff will be provided a copy of this policy. Educators will be allowed to provide age-appropriate education at each grade level relating to skin cancer, including information about the harmful effects of UV radiation and recommended practices for preventing skin cancer at any time of the school year.

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- ii. The program may use, but will not be restricted to, available curriculum and educational materials, visual (ex::posters) and audio messages (school announcements) to remind students to engage in sun-safe behaviors.
- iii. Communication from District to parents and guardians through methods such as District website updates, social media posts and student handouts will included, but will not be limited to:
  - 1. Details of District policy relating to hats, sun-protective clothing, sunscreen usage, and sunglasses.
  - 2. Encouragement of families to reinforce sun-safe behavior outside the school and to support the school's sun safety programs.
  - 3. The importance of, and strategies for, preventing skin cancer.
- iv. In addition, District will provide notice of this policy to all contracted partners, agencies, or community-based organizations providing services to students (ex: afterschool programs, summer programs, etc.).