



Chico Unified School District

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SUN SAFETY

The Governing Board recognizes that overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun and artificial sources such as sunlamps and tanning beds is linked to the development of skin cancer, eye damage, premature aging, and a weakened immune system and that children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of overexposure. The Board desires to support the prevention of excessive UV radiation exposure by students and to assist students in developing sun-safe habits to use throughout their lives.

Students shall be encouraged to take reasonable measures to protect their skin and eyes from overexposure to the sun while on campus, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while under the supervision and control of district employees.

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)
(cf. 6153 - School-Sponsored Trips)

To encourage and assist students to avoid overexposure to the sun when they are outdoors:

1. Students shall be allowed to wear school appropriate sun-protective clothing, including, but not limited to, hats. (Education Code 35183.5)

(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)

2. Students shall be allowed to wear UV-protective sunglasses outdoors.
3. Students shall be allowed to use sunscreen during the school day without a physician's note or prescription. (Education Code 35183.5)

Those students using sunscreen may apply sunscreen at least 15-20 minutes prior to any outdoor activity that will require prolonged exposure to the sun. School personnel shall not be required to assist students in applying sunscreen.

4. Students shall be allowed to use UV-protective lip balm.

The Superintendent or designee may monitor the UV Index and modify outdoor school activities with regard to the risk of harm associated with the Index level.

Staff may be encouraged to model recommended sun-safe behaviors, such as avoiding excessive sun exposure, using sunscreen, and wearing hats and other sun-protective clothing.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform school staff and parents/guardians of the district's sun safety measures and shall encourage parents/guardians to provide sunscreen, lip balm, hats, and other sun-protective clothing for their children to use at school. The Superintendent or designee also may provide information to parents/guardians about the risks of overexposure to UV radiation and preventive measures they may take to protect their children during nonschool hours.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35183.5 Sun protection

51210 Courses of study, grades 1-6

51220 Courses of study, grades 7-12

51890-51891 Comprehensive health education programs

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Management Resources:

CSBA GOVERNANCE AND POLICY SERVICES BRIEFS

Sun Safety in Schools, July 2006

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Health Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2003

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

School Systems: The Importance of Promoting and Providing Sun Protection, 2006

California Early Childhood Sun Protection Curriculum, rev. April 1999

CALIFORNIA STATE PTA RESOLUTIONS

Sun Safety: Skin Cancer Prevention Measures at School, May 1, 2005

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines for School Programs to Prevent Skin Cancer, April 26, 2002

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION

Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn: Part II: Policies to Promote Sun Safety and Prevent Skin Cancer, 2002

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION PUBLICATIONS

Sun Protection and Schools: How to Make a Difference, 2003

Sun Protection: A Primary Teaching Resource, 2003

WEB SITES

American Association for Health Education: <http://www.aahperd.org/aahe>

American Cancer Society: <http://www.cancer.org>

American School Health Association: <http://www.ashaweb.org>

California Department of Education, Health Services: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he>

California Department of Health Services, Skin Cancer Prevention Program: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/cdic/cpns/skin>

California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

National Association of State Boards of Education: <http://www.nasbe.org>

National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention: <http://www.skincancerprevention.org>

National Safety Council, Environmental Health Center: <http://www.nsc.org/ehc/sunSAFE.htm>

Sun Safety for Kids: <http://www.sunSafetyforkids.org>

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: <http://www.cpsc.gov>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Sunwise Program: <http://www.epa.gov/sunwise>

UV Index: <http://www.epa.gov/sunwise/uvindex.html>

World Health Organization: <http://www.who.int>