

ELLSWORTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
PROTECTION FROM SUN – ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION

The Ellsworth School Department, consistent with the position of the American Academy of Pediatrics and United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recognizes that the sun's ultraviolet radiation may cause skin cancer. In acknowledgement of that position, the ESD will support the following sun-safe practices and behaviors in its schools.

Hats, Protective Clothing, and Sunglasses

Students will be permitted to wear articles of sun-protective clothing, including hats and sunglasses while participating in outdoor school activities. This policy does not supersede any other policy regarding hats and/or sunglasses.

Sunscreen and Lip Balm

With written authorization from a parent or guardian, students will be permitted to carry and use non-aerosol sunscreen and/or sun protective lip balm. Due to potential allergies, the ESD and ESD staff will not supply sunscreen for students or apply sunscreen on students. Students are not permitted to share sunscreen with other students. Parents who authorize their children to carry and use sunscreen at school are encouraged to teach their children how to apply sunscreen properly.

Accessibility to Water and Shade

Students concerned with over-exposure to the sun while at outdoor recess or other outdoor activities on school grounds will have access to shaded areas and/or water.

School Staff

School staff will be encouraged to model sun-safe behavior and practices.

Resources

Upon request, the ESD will make available to parents resources regarding sun-safe practices and behaviors.

Rules and Procedures

The ESB authorizes administration to develop rules and procedures as necessary to implement this policy.

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