

Students

SUBJECT: SUN SAFETY

The Parishville-Hopkinton District recognizes that the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause skin cancer. The risk of skin damage, including skin cancer, can be greatly reduced when certain precautions are practiced.

The District is committed to promoting sun safe practices to students, staff, and visitors by:

Shade Protection and Scheduling

1. The availability of shade will be considered when planning outdoor activities.
2. The District will optimize shade options for students and staff and will encourage the use of shaded or indoor areas for congregation and recreation as appropriate.
3. Students will be allowed and encouraged to wear articles of sun-protective clothing including hats and sunglasses when outdoors, including during the school day, athletic events, and after-school programs.

Education, Communication, and Marketing

1. Educators and Athletic Department will be allowed to provide education at each grade level, pre-Kindergarten through 12, which relates 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. The program may use, but will not be restricted to, available curriculum and educational materials, and visual (ex: posters) and audio messages (school announcements) to remind students to engage in sun-safe behaviors. The administration will evaluate and revise sun safety programs, as needed.
2. The District will promote sun safety education activities that involve parents, students, and the community.
3. The District will promote school and community awareness of this policy through various means, such as publication on the District website. Communication will include, but will not be limited to, details of the District policy relating to hats, sun-protective clothing, sunscreen usage, and sunglasses. The District will also encourage families to reinforce sun-safe behavior outside the school and to support the school's sun safety programs.

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4. The District will encourage and promote Sun Safety through social media, newsletters, and family wellness events.

Additional Provisions

1. District staff will be encouraged to model healthy sun-safe behaviors for students.
2. Parents/Guardians will be encouraged to provide students with sunscreen (with at least SPF 15) to be used at school.

Adoption Date: September 21, 2020