

EDCOE Extended Day Sunscreen Policy

The Extended Day policy and practice is that staff do not apply sunscreen to Extended Day participants. Extended Day will implement the following sun-safe practices throughout the summer program.

Sun-Safe Practices

Extended Day staff will model sun safety behaviors, and we encourage children to:

- wear hats with wide brims that protect their face, neck, and ears when they are outside
- wear sun-protective clothing (i.e., tightly woven, loose-fitting, full-length, and light-colored, and lightweight, as well as SPF Swim shirts when swimming)
- seek and use available areas of shade for outdoor play activities
- drink water to stay hydrated throughout the day and especially before and during prolonged physical outdoor activities

Families should apply sunscreen to their child's exposed areas of skin before arriving at the Extended Day summer program. Sunscreen/sunblock must provide UVB and UVA protection with an **SPF of 15 or higher**. Sunscreen is provided by a parent/guardian for use during the day at the center and at the swimming pool and must be:

- 1) in the original container labeled with the child's full name
- 2) safe for the age of the child
- 3) water resistant
- 4) within the expiration date noted on the product

Before use at a center/school, sunscreen should be applied to the child at least once at home to test for any allergic reaction. Children should also be coached on how to effectively apply sunscreen to themselves.

On swim days, Extended Day participants will be reminded to apply sunscreen prior to swimming and will be pulled out of the pool at approximately two hours afterwards to reapply sunscreen. Extended Day staff will be there to help guide children but will not be applying sunscreen.

If your child needs special assistance with sunscreen application, please visit our website at eday.edcoe.org for our sunscreen application assistance waiver. Bring the waiver with you to your child's first day of attendance.

A completed waiver is required for staff to assist with sunscreen application.

We look forward to a fun, sun-safe summer!

Sincerely,
The Extended Day Team