

<b>Policy Number:</b> ED 005	<b>Title:</b> Classroom Outside Time
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**POLICY:**

Young children should have time daily for large motor activities, and fresh air to promote a healthy learning environment.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Early Childhood staff will determine whether or not to have outside time in inclement weather. Extreme hot and cold weather along with severe weather will be avoided. Staff will refer to the Child Care Weather Watch Chart/Index when making a decision for outside activities.
  
2. All children are required to play outside unless they have signed physician's statement.
  
3. Ratios of one adult per ten students will be maintained at all times.
  
4. Staff will select a minimum of one adult to monitor the entire outside area not interacting with students or other staff members unless needed for an emergency. The monitor will walk the designated play area parameter ensuring all areas of the playground are continually observed. Remaining staff may interact with children by extending curriculum rich activities from the classroom to the playground.