

Policy Number: ED 006	Title: Outside Play Extreme Temperatures
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POLICY:

Small children benefit from outdoor play however there may be circumstances where the outside temperatures are a safety concern.

During cold weather, the staff will ensure that children are properly dressed. During hot weather, staff will offer fluids frequently when outside and when returning to the building. Sunscreen can be applied but only if there is a doctor's order for each child

PROCEDURE:

The decision to allow outside play during extreme weather (cold or hot) will be made according to the Child Care Weather Watch chart produced by the National Weather Service. All preschool classrooms will have this chart posted. When the temperature falls in a caution zone outside time will be half the normal length. If the temperature is in a danger zone then there will be no outside time. Another time when outdoor play is cautioned is when there is thunderstorm activity. If thunder can be heard or lightning seen then the staff and children will need to go inside.