

Sun Safety Policy



The New School Day School childcare will provide a safer environment for our children by reducing sun exposure during outdoor activities. By adopting this policy, The New School Day School childcare aims to reduce sun exposure by practicing appropriate strategies for sun protection. This policy will be implemented throughout the year, but with particular emphasis from April through October when the sun's UVB rays are known to be stronger.

Hats and Protective Clothing

Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to provide hats with wide brims (at least 2- to 3-inches all around) that protect the face, neck and ears, for their child to wear whenever they are outside. Baseball hats are not recommended because they do not shield the neck, ears or cheeks. Parents/guardians will be encouraged to provide articles of sun-protective clothing (i.e., tightly woven, loose-fitting, full length, dark-colored and light-weight), when temperatures are reasonable, for their child to wear whenever they are outside.

Sunglasses

Parents/guardians are encouraged to provide sunglasses to protect their child's eyes from UV rays whenever they are outside.

Sunscreen and Lip Balm

Parents/guardians are required to provide a water resistant / broad spectrum sunscreen with an SPF 15 or higher and sun protective lip balm for staff to apply to their child's exposed skin, except eyelids, 20 minutes after exposure to the sun and every two hours while in the sun. Parents/guardians will sign and complete a sunscreen permission form giving staff permission to apply sunscreen/ lip balm to his/her child.

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S PERMISSION TO APPLY SUNSCREEN TO HIS/HER CHILD

Name of Child: _____

As the parent/guardian of the above child, I recognize that too much exposure to UV rays may increase my child's risk of getting skin cancer someday.

Therefore, I give permission for the staff at The New School Day School & Studio to apply a sunscreen product that is broad spectrum with SPF 15 or higher to my child, as specified below, when he/she will be playing outside, especially during the months of March through October and between the daily time of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. I understand that sunscreen may be applied to exposed skin, including but not limited to the face (except eyelids), tops of ears, nose, bare shoulders, arms and legs.

I have checked and initialed below all applicable information regarding the child care program's choice in brand/type and use of sunscreen for my child:

I do not know of any allergies my child has to sunscreen.

My child is allergic to some sunscreens.

Please use ONLY the following brand(s)/type(s) of sunscreen:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Staff may use the sunscreen of the program's choice following the directions and recommendations printed on the product container.

I have provided the following brand/type of sunscreen for use for my child:

For medical or other reasons, please do NOT apply sunscreen to the following areas of my child's body:

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

_____ Date: _____

NOTE: DO NOT RELY ON SUNSCREEN ALONE TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SKIN CANCER!