

VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TWENTY FOUR

EXTREME HEAT CONDITION DAYS

Policy 6300

The Board of Education adopts this policy to address the health and safety of students and employees on extreme heat condition days. “Extreme heat condition days” are defined as days when occupiable educational and support services spaces are eighty-two degrees Fahrenheit or higher. “Support services spaces” do not include kitchen areas used in the preparation of food for consumption by students. Pursuant to Education Law § 409-n, room temperature will be measured at a shaded location, three feet above the floor near the center of the room.

Actions to be Taken at Eighty-Two Degrees

When the temperature of an occupiable educational or support service space reaches eighty-two degrees Fahrenheit, the School District will aim to take actions to relieve heat-related discomfort (consistent with fire and building codes), including but not limited to the following:

1. Turning off the overhead lights;
2. Pulling down shades or blinds;
3. Opening classroom doors and windows to increase circulation;
4. Turning off unused electronics that produce heat; and
5. Providing water breaks.

The Superintendent of Schools, Director of Facilities, and Building Principals will determine appropriate action to relieve heat-related discomfort. The staff member in charge of the room or space may act within their ability in reducing heat-related discomfort.

This policy does not preclude air conditioning from being used pursuant to an Individualized Education Program, Section 504 Plan, or documented medical need.

When practicable, students and staff will be removed from educational and support services spaces when the temperature reaches eighty-eight degrees Fahrenheit, when practicable. The Superintendent will direct Building Principals to evacuate the space, including but not limited to the following:

1. Move students and staff to cooler locations; or
- Close school early and send students and staff home according to the district’s early closing protocols.

Cross-ref: 6163 – Acceptable Use – Remote Learning

Ref: Education Law §§409-n; 2801-a

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