

LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Policy 5685

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND INDOOR FACILITIES

The Levittown School District is responsible for addressing the health, safety, and comfort of students and staff on extreme heat conditions days.

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

1. Extreme heat condition days means days when occupiable educational and support services spaces are 82 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.
2. Room temperature means the temperature measured at a shaded location, three feet above the floor near the center of the room.
3. Support services spaces do not include kitchen areas used in the preparation of food for consumption by students.

Implementation Plan When the Temperature Reaches Eighty-Two Degrees Fahrenheit

The School District is required to take action to relieve heat-related discomfort when the occupiable educational and support services spaces temperatures reach 82 degrees Fahrenheit. These actions may include, but are not limited to:

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

Air conditioners, where available, may also be used to keep room temperatures from reaching 82 degrees Fahrenheit. The School District may take the actions above earlier in the day or before school starts in an effort to keep the room temperature below 82 degrees Fahrenheit. This does not prohibit using air conditioning in response to a student's Individualized Education Plan, Section 504 Plan, or in response to a documented student medical need.

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Implementation Plan When the Temperature Reaches Eighty-Eight Degrees Fahrenheit

The School District will remove students and staff from educational and support services spaces when the room temperature reaches 88 degrees Fahrenheit where practicable. The Superintendent of Schools or designee may direct building principals to evacuate the space by:

1. Moving students and staff to cooler spaces within the school building(s); or
2. Closing school early and sending students and staff home according to the School District's emergency school closing policy and/or procedure which include communicating with parents and persons in parental relation.

The Board of Education will consider the anticipated number of extreme heat condition days when adopting or adjusting the school calendar, while remaining mindful of collective bargaining agreements.

Education Law Section 409-n

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #3510 -- Emergency School Closings

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