

TORREY PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOT WEATHER PLAN 2017/2018

For SDUSD Hot Weather Days (full days) or District Modified Hot Weather Days (12:30 dismissal) Torrey Pines Elementary School implements a Hot Weather Plan to ensure as much comfort as possible for the students and staff. Notification will be made via a SchoolMessenger email if the plan is implemented. Below are modifications in place during the Hot Weather Plan.

Instructional Program Modifications

TPES teachers may rearrange the daily schedule so that basic skills subjects are taught at the optimal time. Recess activities are limited to quiet games that require a minimum of physical activity. Physical education activities at all grade levels are limited to less strenuous activities and/or are rescheduled to a more appropriate time.

Alternative Locations for Instruction

Cooler areas of TPES are used when available and include outside shaded areas, B1, B2, B9, B10 and the Library. As an example, some teachers may have students gather in the shaded lawn areas in front of rooms 1-3, garden area, or move to rooms with better cross-ventilation. Students in our non-air-conditioned classrooms may be merged with same-grade or “buddy” grade classroom with better airflow.

Extracurricular Activities

Field trips may be canceled due to hot weather, or rescheduled for a more appropriate time. Character Builders & Sports YMCA Programs may also be modified or activities rearranged.

Keeping Students Cool and Hydrated

Students are encouraged to bring containers of water to school during hot weather. Water fountains are available and students are encouraged to take extra water fountain breaks throughout the day. Many of our teachers keep spray-bottles with water in classrooms so that they can ‘mist’ students at their request or as needed.

Students are asked to dress in lightweight clothing that is in keeping with the TPES dress codes. Please also make sure to apply sunscreen to your child before school, as school staff are not permitted to apply it. If your child has a medical condition that may be compromised by exposure to high temperatures, you may keep your child at home or arrange for an early release. (Please remember to notify the TPES Office Staff if you choose these options)

Thank you!

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