

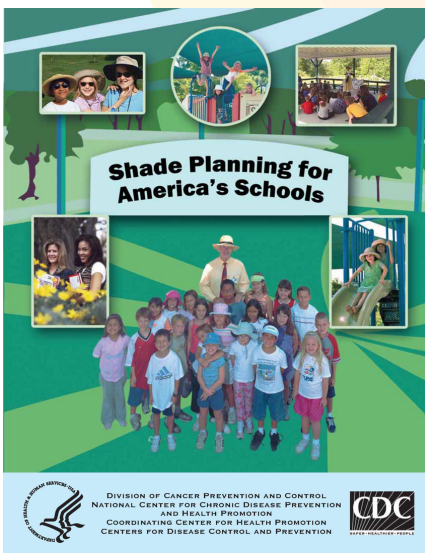
Shade Structures

In addition to school policy, your school can also consider implementing **shade structures**. While shade structures do include a great deal of planning, there are different options that vary by cost as well as type such as building shade or **planting shade** for your school.

The benefits of shade structures are many, including being a long-term and sustainable option as well as supporting microclimates and Native trees.

At a Tribal school, planted shade structures could be used for skin cancer prevention as well as a teaching tool for Indigenous plants and habitats.

If this is something your school is interested in, take a look at CDC's [Shade Planning for America's Schools](#), a 70-page comprehensive manual on planning and developing all types of shade structures to prevent skin cancer and improve skin health.



This resource provides information on types of shade, wildlife habitat creation, the earth-sun relationship, conducting a shade audit, and more.

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