

Sunscreen Application in School

Any student who is six (6) years of age or older may possess and self-apply an over the counter sunscreen product while in school prior to engaging in any outdoor activity and in accordance with the following:

1. Students are allowed to carry and use sunscreen, during school hours without a physician's note or prescription on school property or at a school-sponsored activity provided the student's parent/guardian has provided written authorization to the school nurse.
2. Students/Parents/Guardians are to provide the sunscreen product for school use. The sunscreen must be:
 - a. Clearly marked with the child's name.
 - b. Replenished by the parent/guardian as needed.
 - c. A product regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter use.
3. Aerosol sunscreens, as well as combined sunscreen and insect repellants, are prohibited.
4. The Bethany Public School District (District) is not responsible for ensuring that the non-aerosol topical sunscreen product is applied by the student.
5. The sunscreen product is to be stored in the student's bookbag/backpack or other location designated by the teacher.
6. Students are not to share sunscreen with other students.
7. The student must be able to apply his/her own sunscreen or the student has demonstrated to the parent/guardian that he/she is capable of self-applying the non-aerosol sunscreen product.
8. School personnel are not expected to assist students in the application of sunscreen.
9. Subject to the provisions of the dress code policy, students are allowed to wear articles of sun-protective clothing, including hats and glasses, when not in school buildings. Clothing that protects the skin should be worn, particularly for outdoor activities and school trips.
10. It is recommended that the sunscreen used by students be a high factor sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) rating of 15 or higher.
11. Parents/guardians of children with allergies or skin sensitivities should check with a health care provider before providing a sunscreen. Prior to use at school, the sunscreen should be applied to the child at least once at home to test for any allergic reaction.

Revocation or Restriction of Permission to Use Sunscreen

The school may revoke or restrict the possession, application, or use of a non-aerosol topical sunscreen product by a student if any of the following occurs:

1. The student fails to comply with the school rules concerning the possession, application, or use of the non-aerosol topical sunscreen product.
2. The student shows an unwillingness or inability to safeguard the non-aerosol topical sunscreen product from access by other students.

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Regulation 5141.211(b)

When the school revokes or restricts the possession, application, or use of a non-aerosol topical sunscreen by a student, a written notice of such action shall be provided to the student's parent/guardian.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-212a
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-212h

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**Bethany Public School District
Sunscreen Use Parent/Guardian Form**

Public Act 19-60 allows school students, six years of age or older, to possess and self-apply an over the counter sunscreen product while in school prior to engaging in any outdoor activity, provided a written authorization is signed by the student's parent/guardian and is submitted to the school nurse.

The sunscreen must be non-aerosol and must be approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) for over-the-counter use for purposes of limiting ultraviolet light-inducting sun damage.

The Board adopted Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.211 pertaining to this new legislation.

As a parent/guardian, I attest to the following:

- My child has demonstrated to me that he/she is capable of self-applying the non-aerosol sunscreen product.
- I understand that I am responsible to provide the non-aerosol sunscreen product for school use, clearly marked with my child's name and replenished as needed.
- I understand that the Bethany Public School District is not responsible for ensuring that the sunscreen product is applied to my child.
- I understand that my child is not to share his/her sunscreen product with other students.
- I recognize that school personnel are not expected to assist my child in the application of sunscreen.
- I understand that the school may revoke or restrict the possession, application, and use of sunscreen by my child if my child fails to comply with school rules related to the sunscreen product or if my child shows an unwillingness or inability to safeguard the non-aerosol sunscreen product from access by other students.

Student Name

Grade

Teacher

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date