5339.01 STUDENT SUN PROTECTION

The Board of Education believes it is important that school district students protect themselves against harmful sun-related skin diseases by using protective measures. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.39 and notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, the Board adopts this Policy concerning a student's use of sunscreen and sun-protective clothing, such as hats and sunglasses, while outdoors at school and school-sponsored functions.

As used in this Policy, "sunscreen" means a topical product used for the purpose of limiting skin damage caused by overexposure to the sun, and which is regulated by the Federal Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter use, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.39.a.

Students are not required to provide documentation from a physician or other licensed health care professional in order to use sunscreen or sun-protective clothing while outdoors at school or a school-sponsored function.

The Board requires written permission from a student's parent to allow that student to carry or use sunscreen at school or a school-sponsored function for all students in grade(s) preschool through eighth grade. Any student required to have written permission from their parent to carry or use sunscreen shall be monitored by school staff to ensure safety through the appropriate use of sunscreen.

Sunscreen can be packaged as aerosol, spray, lotion, or cream with fragrances, as such the district prohibits the use of sunscreen that the Principal or designee may deem harmful to students with asthma or other respiratory ailments or a nuisance to students or staff members.

Any student found to be using sunscreen in an inappropriate manner shall have their permission to use sunscreen revoked and be disciplined in accordance with the student code of conduct. If a student's permission to use sunscreen is revoked, the district shall notify the student's parent in writing of the reasons and duration for the revocation of that permission and of any discipline associated with the incident.

The district shall provide for the transportation and storage of sunscreen to ensure accessibility when students travel off school grounds for school-sponsored functions.

Nothing in this Policy shall be construed as requiring a staff member to assist a student in applying sunscreen.

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.39

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