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**Sunscreen at School**

**Effective May 16, 2017**

**Possession and use of over-the-counter sunscreen by students.**

(a) Any student in a public school under the jurisdiction of a local board of education or in a nonpublic school may possess and apply federal Food and Drug Administration regulated over-the-counter sunscreen at school and at school-based events notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any rule of the State Board of Education or the State Board of Nursing.

(b) No rule of the State Board of Education or the State Board of Nursing shall apply to the possession or use of federal Food and Drug Administration regulated over-the-counter sunscreen by students at a public or nonpublic school.

(c) Any student, parent, or guardian requesting a school board employee to apply sunscreen to a student shall present to the nurse a Parent Prescriber Authorization Form (PPA) containing a parent or guardian signature. A physician signature or physician order shall not be required.

**(Act 2017-278, §1.)**

According to CDC, the application of sunscreen while outdoors is a simple step to protect yourself from the harm of overexposure to sunlight's UVA and UVB rays.  A sunscreen with SPF of 30 or higher should be applied at least every two hours, especially after swimming or sweating.  Follow the directions on the sunscreen bottle label.