POLICY CONCERNING SUNSCREEN APPLICATION IN SCHOOL

The Torrington Board of Education (the “Board”) permits the application of sunscreen by students within the Torrington Public Schools (the “District”), in accordance with State law. Specifically, notwithstanding the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 10-212a and the Board’s policy and/or administrative regulations concerning the administration of medication 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.

For a student to apply sunscreen prior to engaging in any outdoor activity, the following elements must be met:

1. The student’s parent or guardian must sign the Board’s written authorization and submit the authorization to the school nurse; and

2. The student and the student’s parent or guardian, where applicable, must comply with any individual school procedures concerning the possession and self-application of sunscreen in school.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-212a Administration of medications in schools, at athletic events and to children in school readiness programs

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-212h Self-application of sunscreen by students
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS
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A. For a student to apply sunscreen prior to engaging in any outdoor activity, the following elements must be met:

1. The student’s parent or guardian must sign the Board’s written authorization and submit the authorization to the school nurse; and

2. The student and the student’s parent or guardian, where applicable, must comply with individual school procedures concerning the possession and self-application of sunscreen in school.

B. Individual schools shall develop processes and procedures for the self-application of over-the-counter sunscreen in school by students age six (6) and older prior to engaging in an outdoor activity, which processes and procedures must include that (a) the student’s parent or guardian must sign the Board’s written authorization and submit the authorization to the school nurse and (b) a student may only apply sunscreen that belongs to and has been brought into school by the individual student; and may include the following:

1. The location for self-application of sunscreen.

2. The time during the school day for self-application while in school.

3. The labeling of the sunscreen.

Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-212a Administration of medications in schools, at athletic events and to children in school readiness programs

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-212h Self-application of sunscreen by students

Policy 5186 – Sunscreen Application in School Adopted and Approved by the BOE on November 16, 2022.
WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
POSSESSION AND APPLICATION OF SUNSCREEN IN SCHOOL

Name of Child: _________________________ Date of Birth: _________________________

Address of Child: _______________________________________________________________

Name of Parent(s): __________________________________________________________________________

Address of Parent(s): __________________________________________________________________________

(if different from child)

Connecticut law permits students six (6) 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, with signed parent/guardian consent.

I, ________________________________, the parent/guardian of ___________________________,

permit my child to possess and self-apply an over-the-counter sunscreen product while in school prior to engaging in any outdoor activity. I understand and agree that the _______ Board of Education assumes no responsibility or liability whatsoever with regard to the possession or application of the over-the-counter sunscreen, including but not limited to whether, or the manner in which, the sunscreen is applied; the expiration of the sunscreen; and/or any reaction the student may have to the application of the sunscreen.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian      Date

Please return the completed original form to your child’s school nurse.