

STUDENTS

Use of Sunscreen in Schools

- I.** Senate Bill 5404 Sun Safety Act, chapter 28A.210 RCW provides the permission for any person, student, parent, staff member may possess topical sunscreen products to help prevent sunburn while on school property, at a school-related event or activity, or at summer camp.
 - a.** Sunscreen product may be kept and applied without the prescription or note of a licensed health care professional if the product is regulated by the United States FDA (food and drug administration) for over-the-counter use.
 - b.** Sunscreen is not considered a medication but a personal use item.
 - c.** For student use, a sunscreen product must be supplied by the parent/guardian.
 - d.** Schools are encouraged to educate students about sun safety guidelines.
 - e.** School personnel are not required to assist students in applying sunscreen.
 - f.** This takes effect immediately
- II.** Sunscreen Safety Steps
 - a.** Assess student for allergy to paba (an ingredient in most sunscreen products) by verifying with parent/guardian student has used the product with no rashes.
 - b.** Parent / guardian advised to provide sunscreen lotion versus sprays to decrease risk to students with asthma, any other respiratory conditions as well as protecting eyes from inadvertently being sprayed.