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TO: Board of Trustees  
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DATE: April 29, 2024

**SUBJECT: Presentation of Policy JLIG-Sun Safety**

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Please see the proposed new policy JLIG- Sun Safety. The General Assembly passed legislation to clarify any questions concerning the possession or use of sunscreen in schools. The current law was amended to prevent schools from prohibiting the possession of personal use of sunscreen in schools or at school events. Sunscreen is defined as “a topical, non-aerosol product regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter use for the purpose of limiting ultraviolet light-induced skin damage. Sunscreen does not include prescription medication.”

S.C. Code of Laws: Section 59-63-85- Sunscreen use in public schools.

# **PROPOSED POLICY**

**JLIG**

## Policy **JLIG** - SUN SAFETY

Proposed May 2024

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Sunscreen products must be appropriately labeled, in the original container, and regulated by the FDA. The sunscreen must be clearly marked with the student's name and stored in the student's book bag/backpack, locker, or other location designated by school personnel. Students will not share sunscreen products with other students.

The district or school personnel will not provide sunscreen products. Parents/legal guardians are responsible for providing sunscreen for their student's use. The district is not responsible for ensuring the student applies the sunscreen product. Students must be able to self apply as school personnel will not assist students. Parents/legal guardians are encouraged to provide guidance to their student on the proper use of sunscreen.

Any aerosol sunscreen product found in a student's possession will be confiscated by school personnel. The student's parent/legal guardian will be notified and may pick up the confiscated sunscreen product from the principal's office. The district is not responsible for sunscreen products that are lost or stolen on any school campus.

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### Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

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**MODEL POLICY**

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### Code JLIG Issued MODEL

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