

## **Students**

### **Student Insect Repellant Use**

The Pomfret Board of Education (Board) believes in promoting student health safety to ensure that children are protected from the possible harmful effects caused by insects, such as Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV). The Board believes that by encouraging outdoor safe behavior and teaching children about the risks of mosquito, tick, and insect bites, they can be protected from disease-causing pathogens.

The purpose of this policy is to allow any student who is six years of age or older, to possess and self-apply an over-the-counter insect repellant product while in school prior to engaging in any outdoor activity, provided a written authorization is signed by the student's parent/guardian and is submitted to the school nurse. A written permission from an authorized health care provider is not necessary.

#### **Implementing Procedures:**

1. Students are allowed to carry and use insect repellant, during school hours, without a physician's note or prescription on school property or at a school-sponsored activity provided the student's parent/guardian has provided written authorization to the school nurse.
2. Students/Parents/Guardians are to provide the insect repellant product for school use. The insect repellant product must be:
  - a. Clearly marked with the child's name.
  - b. Replenished by the parent/guardian as needed.
  - c. A product regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for over-the-counter use.
3. Aerosol insect repellant products are prohibited.
4. Pump spray insect repellant product are permissible.
5. The District is not responsible for ensuring that the non-aerosol insect repellant product is applied by the student.
6. The insect repellant product is to be stored in the student's book bag/back pack or other location designated by the teacher.
7. Students are not to share insect repellant with other students.
8. Students may not apply insect repellant to other students.
9. The student must be able to apply his/her own insect repellant.
10. School personnel are not expected to assist students in the application of insect repellant.
11. Insect repellant must be applied according to product instructions.

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#### **Implementing Procedures:** (continued)

12. It is recommended that the insect repellant product used by students be EPA registered.
13. Parents/guardian of children with allergies or skin sensitivities should check with a health care provider before providing an insect repellant product.
14. Insect repellant may not be applied while inside the school and must be applied when outside the building.

#### **Revocation or Restriction of Permission to Use Insect Repellant**

A school entity may revoke or restrict the possession, application or use of a non-aerosol insect repellant product by a student if any of the following occurs:

1. The student fails to comply with the school policy concerning the possession, application or use of the non-aerosol insect repellant product.
2. The student shows an unwillingness or inability to safeguard the non-aerosol insect repellant product from access by other students.

When a school entity revokes or restricts the possession, application or use of a non-aerosol insect repellant product by a student, a written notice of such action shall be provided to the student's parent/guardian.

(cf. 5132 – Student Dress Code)

(cf. 5141.21 – Administration of Medication)

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