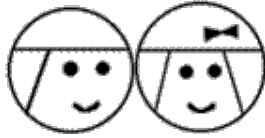


# Junior Academy Children's Centers

Family Owned and Operated - "Our family Cares about Your Family"



Dear Junior Academy Parents,

This letter is to clarify our sunscreen policy. Junior Academy provides PABA free sunscreen SPF 30 or higher to the children in our care. We do not have the capability to carry, reapply and store different sunscreens for all of the wonderful children in our care daily, so we strive to have an affordable but quality option that will best serve the needs of all of our children.

We realize however, that some children have very specific allergies and need very specific sunscreen. With a doctor's note we will accommodate your child's specific needs.

***However, spray sunscreen is never permitted in our programs.***

Here are the reasons why this form of sun protection is not permitted by Junior Academy under any circumstances.

- 1) Spray sunscreen is actually a dangerous inhalation risk. Not only can it trigger serious asthma attacks, children are highly susceptible to breathing in highly toxic chemicals. The label on every can warns users to not spray directly onto face because inhaling the contents can be harmful. It is also far easier to spray chemicals into eyes with this delivery system.
- 2) Spray sunscreen is highly flammable.
- 3) Spray sunscreen is not usually as stable a product—meaning the chemicals breakdown and lose their potency quicker.
- 4) Research suggests spray sunscreen is less effective in preventing burns for multiple reasons including the propensity for the sunscreen to blow away during application process—most spray sunscreens are more chemical propellant than actual sun protection.

We understand children and families like the ease of spray sunscreens but the safety risks are significant enough we cannot use this method. Thanks for helping us keep all the children of Junior Academy safe this summer.