

**WHITTIER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Whittier, California

**BP 3514**

**ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY**

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The Board of Trustees recognizes its obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment at school facilities for students, staff and community members. The Board shall identify and address potential risks to health and the environment and shall ensure that environmental resources are used in a responsible manner.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations to prevent and/or reduce environmental hazards in accordance with law and state guidelines.

Strategies shall focus on maximizing healthy indoor air quality; monitoring the quality of outdoor air and adjusting outdoor activities as necessary; reducing exposure to vehicle emissions; minimizing exposure to lead and mercury; reducing the risk of unsafe drinking water; inspecting and properly abating asbestos; appropriately storing, using, and disposing of potentially hazardous substances; using effective least toxic pest management practices; reducing the risk of foodborne illness; and addressing any other environmental hazards identified during facilities inspections.

In developing strategies to promote healthy school environments, the Superintendent or designee may consult and collaborate with local environmental protection agencies, health agencies, water boards, and other community organizations.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the district's maintenance and facilities staff, bus drivers, food services staff, teachers, and other staff as appropriate with professional development regarding their responsibilities in implementing strategies to improve and maintain environmentally safe and healthy schools.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, as appropriate, if an environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall detail the District's efforts to remedy the hazard.

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*Legal Reference:*

*EDUCATION CODE*

*17002 Definition of "good repair"*

*17070.75 Facilities inspection*

*17582 Deferred maintenance fund*

*17590 Asbestos abatement fund*

*17608-17614 Healthy Schools Act of 2000, least toxic pest management practices*

*32080-32081 Carbon monoxide devices*

*32240-32245 Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act*

*48980.3 Notification of pesticides*

*49410-49410.7 Asbestos materials containment or removal*

*FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE*

*11401-12408 Pest control operations and agricultural chemicals*

*13180-13188 Healthy Schools Act of 2000, least toxic pest management practices*

*GOVERNMENT CODE*

*3543.2 Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions*

*HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE*

*105400-105430 Indoor environmental quality*

*113700-114437 California Retail Food Code, sanitation and safety requirements*

*116277 Lead testing of potable water at schools and requirements to remedy*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*

*14010 Standards for school site selection*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8*

*337-339 Hazardous substances list*

*340-340.2 Occupational safety and health, rights of employees*

*1528-1537 Construction safety orders; exposure to hazards*

*5139-5223 Control of hazardous substances*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13*

*2025 Retrofitting of diesel school buses*

*2480 Vehicle idling*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17*

*35001-36100 Lead abatement services*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22*

*64670-64679 Lead and copper in drinking water*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24*

*915.1-915.7 California Building Standards Code; carbon monoxide devices*

*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7*

*136-136y Use of pesticides*