

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

The Board of Education believes that students and employees have the right to learn and work in a safe, clean and healthy environment. The district has an obligation to locate and reduce or eliminate potential risks to health and the environment, to use environmental resources in a responsible way, and to educate students and staff about environmental issues.

(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations to guard against environmental hazards. Students and staff are encouraged to report any unsafe conditions they may observe.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4318.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)

(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)

Air Quality

The Board recognizes that clean air contributes to a favorable learning environment for students, productivity for staff, and the health of all school occupants. Adequate ventilation, appropriate housekeeping and maintenance procedures, and the removal of pollution sources are all necessary to achieve good indoor air quality. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff implement measures that will maintain good air quality in classrooms and offices.

Air quality shall be considered in the siting and architectural design of new or remodeled facilities and in the selection of building materials and furnishings.

Pest Management

Sanitary measures shall be enforced and buildings regularly cleaned and repaired in order to prevent infestations, minimize the use of pesticides, and eliminate routine spraying.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district follows integrated pest management procedures so as to use the most appropriate and least toxic method of control.

Lead Exposure Reduction

The Board recognizes that exposure to lead is damaging to young children and that hazardous levels of lead may sometimes be present in paint, soil or drinking water. In order to minimize any harmful exposure, the district shall follow guidelines recommended by the Department of Health Services and specified in administrative regulations.

“As needed,” the district shall conduct an independent assessment of whether students are in danger from exposure to lead at our schools.

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall inform school staff and parents/guardians of the results of any lead survey conducted by the Department of Health Services.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17366 Legislative intent (fitness of buildings for occupancy)

17582 Deferred maintenance fund; use for determining presence and encapsulation or removal of asbestos-containing materials

17590 Asbestos abatement fund

32020 Access gates

32240-32245 Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act

49410-49410.7 Asbestos materials containment or removal

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE CODE

11401-15206.6 Pest Control Operations and Agricultural Chemicals

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions

CALIFORNIA STATE CONSTITUTION

"Right to Safe Schools" Article I, Section 28(c)

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

340-340.3 Employer's obligation to provide safety information

1532.1 Construction safety orders, lead standard

5142 Heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems; minimum ventilation

5143 Mechanical ventilating systems; inspection and maintenance

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

35001-35099 Accreditation in Lead Abatement Services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7

136 et seq. Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

2641-2656 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

763.93 Management Plans

763.94 Record keeping

Management Resources:

CDE MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES

0100.88 Final Regulations for Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

0310.88 Potential Health Hazard in Drinking Water Fountains, Follow Up

0626.89 Federal Lead Contamination Control Act of 1988

1218.87 Potential Health Hazard in Drinking Water Fountains

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Indoor Air Quality, A Guide for Educators, 1995

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORIES

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Public Elementary Schools, Preschools and Child Care Centers, May 1994

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Pest Control in the School Environment: Adopting Integrated Pest Management, 1993