

**Policy 3514: Environmental Safety**

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The Governing Board 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.

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 to the site/department administrator.

**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 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 planning and architectural design of new or remodeled facilities and in the selection of building materials and furnishings.

**Pest Management**

It is the policy of the Board that effective "least toxic pest management practices" shall be the preferred method of managing pests at the district's facilities.

In order to reduce student and staff exposure to toxic pesticides, the Superintendent/designee shall take the necessary steps to ensure that effective "least toxic pest management practices" are carried out at the district as required in Education Codes 17608-17613 Healthy Schools Act of 2000.

**Lead Exposure Reduction**

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

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.

**Asbestos Abatement**

The Board recognizes that exposure to friable asbestos may be hazardous to children and staff. Staff shall inform school staff and parents/guardians of the results of any lead survey conducted by the Department of Health Services.

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