

## **HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

The Governing Board recognizes that the daily operations of our schools entail the use of many potentially hazardous substances.

The Superintendent or designee shall insure that hazardous substances on district properties are inventoried, used, stored and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

Insofar as reasonably possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored and used on school property. When hazardous substances must be used, the Superintendent or designee shall give preference to materials that cause the least risk to people and the environment.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the schools are regularly inspected to identify potential sources of risk. When new environmental risks are discovered, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the Board and the community.

### **Hazard Communication Program**

To ensure that employees are fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of substances to which they may be exposed, the Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement and maintain a written hazard communication program in accordance with 8 CCR 5194 and shall ensure that employees, students, and others as necessary are fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of substances to which they may be exposed.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop specific measures to ensure the safety of students and staff in school laboratories where hazardous chemicals are used. Such measures shall include the development and implementation of a chemical hygiene plan in accordance with 8 CCR 5191 and instruction to students about proper handling of hazardous substances.

The Superintendent or designee shall not order or purchase for use in grades K-6 any arts and crafts materials containing a substance determined by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard assessment to be toxic. The Superintendent or designee shall not purchase any such toxic material for use in grades 7-12 unless it includes a warning label as specified in Education Code 32065 that identifies any toxic ingredients, warns of potential adverse health effects, and describes procedures for safe use and storage. (Education Code 32064)

*Legal References: (see next page)*

## **Hazardous Substances (continued)**

*Legal Reference:*

**EDUCATION CODE**

32060-32066 Toxic art supplies in schools

49340-49341 Hazardous substances education

49401.5 Legislative intent; consultation services

49341 Legislative findings

49401.5 Legislative intent; consultation services

49411 Chemical listing; compounds used in school programs; determination of shelf life; disposal

**FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE**

108100-108515 California Hazardous Substances Act

12981 Regulations re pesticides and worker safety

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**

25163 Registration; exemptions; inspection (re transportation of hazardous wastes)

25500-25520 Hazardous materials; release response plans; inventory

**LABOR CODE**

6360-6363 Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act

6380-6386 List of hazardous substances

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, Title 8**

339 List of hazardous substances

3203 Illness and injury prevention program

3204 Records of employee exposure to toxic or harmful substances

5139-5230 Control of hazardous substances, especially

5154.1-5154.2 Ventilation

5161 Definitions

5162 Emergency eyewash and shower equipment

5163 Control of spills

5164 Storage of hazardous substances

5191 Occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories; chemical hygiene plan

5194 Hazard communication

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22**

67450.40-67450.49 School hazardous waste collection, consolidation, and accumulation facilities

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West Covina, California