

Environmental Safety

BP 3514

Business and Noninstructional Operations

The Governing Board recognizes its obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment at school facilities for students, staff, and community members. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly assess school facilities to identify environmental health risks and shall develop strategies to prevent and/or mitigate environmental hazards. He/she shall consider the proven effectiveness of various options, anticipated short-term and long-term costs and/or savings to the district, and the potential impact on staff and students, including the impact on student achievement and attendance.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)
(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

Such 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.

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)
(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)
(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)
(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)
(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)
(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)
(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)
(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School Program)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)
(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)

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.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)

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.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

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(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board, staff, parents/guardians, students, and/or governmental agencies, as appropriate, if an environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall provide information about the district's actions to remedy the hazard and may recommend health screening of staff and students.

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

Definition of "good repair"

Facilities inspection

Deferred maintenance fund

Asbestos abatement fund

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

-32081 Carbon monoxide devices

-32245 Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act

Notification of pesticides

-49410.7 Asbestos materials containment or removal

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

-12408 Pest control operations and agricultural chemicals

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

GOVERNMENT CODE

Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

-105430 Indoor environmental quality

-114437 California Retail Food Code, sanitation and safety requirements

Lead testing of potable water at schools and requirements to remedy

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

Standards for school site selection

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

-339 Hazardous substances list

-340.2 Occupational safety and health, rights of employees

-1537 Construction safety orders; exposure to hazards

-5223 Control of hazardous substances

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

Retrofitting of diesel school buses

Vehicle idling

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

-36100 Lead abatement services
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22
-64679 Lead and copper in drinking water
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24
-915.7 California Building Standards Code; carbon monoxide devices
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7
-136y Use of pesticides
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15
-2629 Control of toxic substances
-2656 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
Food safety and inspections
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40
-141.723 Drinking water standards
-745.339 Lead-based paint standards
-763.99 Asbestos-containing materials in schools
-763.123 Asbestos worker protections

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Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools, rev. 2009

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The ABCs of Asbestos in Schools, rev. August 2003

How to Manage Asbestos in School Buildings: AHERA Designated Person's Self-Study Guide, 1996

WEB SITES

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AirNow: <http://www.airnow.gov>

American Association of School Administrators: <http://www.aasa.org>

California Air Resources Board: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>
California Building Standards: <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/codes.aspx>
California Department of Education, Health and Safety: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/hs>
California Department of Pesticide Regulation: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>
California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>
California State Water Resources Control Board: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>
Consumer Product Safety Commission: <http://www.cpsc.gov>
National Center for Environmental Health: <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh>
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