

Policy 3514.1: Hazardous Substances

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The Board of Education desires to provide a safe school environment that protects students and employees from exposure to any potentially hazardous substances used in the district's educational program and in the maintenance and operation of district facilities and equipment.

In accordance with State guidelines, the Superintendent shall provide for the regular removal and disposal of potentially hazardous chemicals whose shelf life has expired or those which will not be used again in the normal operation of the district. The Superintendent shall also provide for the proper and responsible training of any and all employees who may be required to handle hazardous chemicals during the course of their job duties.

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 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)
