Hazardous Substances

The Board of Education recognizes that potentially hazardous substances are used in the daily operations of our schools. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure these substances are inventoried, used, stored and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

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(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
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Insofar as possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored on school property and shall substitute less dangerous materials for hazardous substances.

Hazard Communication Program

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement and monitor a written hazard communication program in accordance with 8 CCR 5194. As part of this program, he/she shall ensure that employees are fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of substances to which they may be exposed and that material safety data sheets are readily accessible to them.

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(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
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Teachers shall instruct students about the importance of proper handling, storage, disposal and protection when using any potentially hazardous substance during any school-related activity.

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(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)
(cf. 6161.3 - Classroom Supplies)
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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. (cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

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)

Hazardous Substances

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32060-32066 Toxic art supplies in schools

49340- Hazardous substances education

49401.5 Legislative intent; consultation services

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

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE CODE

12981 Regulations re pesticides and worker safety

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

25163 Transportation of hazardous wastes; registration; exemptions; inspection

25500-25520 Hazardous materials release response plans; inventory

108100-108515 California Hazardous Substances Act

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

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2012

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT PUBLICATIONS

Art and Craft Materials in Schools: Guidelines for Purchasing and Safe Use, September 17, 2016 WEB SITES

CSBA: http://www.csba.org

California Department of Education: http://cde.ca.gov

California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment: http://www.oehha.ca.gov

Department of Industrial Relations, Cal/OSHA: http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh

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