

Policy 3514: Environmental Safety

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The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations to prevent and/or reduce environmental hazards in accordance with law and state guidelines. Strategies shall include but not necessarily be limited to:

1. Considering air quality in the siting and architectural design of new or remodeled facilities and in the selection of building materials and furnishings, and taking steps to reduce indoor air contaminants in maintenance operations
2. Ensuring the use of effective least toxic pest management practices at all district schools
3. Minimizing the exposure to lead in paint, soil or drinking water, especially in areas accessible to very young children
4. Inspecting and testing facilities for asbestos-containing materials and protecting persons during encapsulation and removal of any asbestos

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, as appropriate, if an environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall detail the district's efforts to remedy the hazard.

Air Quality

The Governing 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 indoor 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 siting and architectural design of new or remodeled facilities and in the selection of building materials and furnishings.

Pest Management

Sanitary measures shall be enforced and buildings regularly cleaned and repaired in order to prevent infestations, minimize the use of pesticides, and eliminate routine spraying.
