

**Regulation 3514: Environmental Safety**

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**Air Quality**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the following measures are taken in order to reduce indoor air contaminants:

1. Heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems shall be operated, inspected and maintained in accordance with law. School buildings shall be inspected annually to ensure they have adequate ventilation systems, properly maintained so as to preclude the buildup of mold, mildew, and air contaminants. Filters shall be changed frequently.
2. Low-emission cleaning products shall be used whenever possible, and custodial duties that require polluting products shall be performed after classes are dismissed for weekends or vacations.
3. Paints, adhesives and solvents shall be used and stored in well-ventilated areas; these items shall be purchased in small quantities to avoid storage exposure.

**Lead Exposure Reduction**

The following steps shall be taken to minimize potential exposure to lead:

1. Painted surfaces shall not be disturbed during normal maintenance operations. To minimize lead dust when students are present, floors and painted surfaces shall be mopped with detergent rather than being swept. Paint shall not be sanded, burned or scraped unless it is known that the paint contains no lead.
2. Lead exposure hazards shall be evaluated before any renovation or remodeling is begun, and children shall not be allowed in or near buildings in which these activities may create lead dust. Contractors and workers shall comply with state and federal standards related to the handling and disposal of lead debris and the clean-up and containment dust within the construction area.
3. School drinking water fountains shall be monitored for the amount of lead in the water, and corrective action shall be taken when necessary.
4. Remedial action to abate existing lead hazards shall be taken only by personnel qualified in accordance with law.

**Asbestos Testing and Abatement**

Maintenance staff shall be trained in the location, identification, proper cleaning and ongoing maintenance of asbestos-containing materials and in the removal and decontamination of small amounts of such materials when needed to repair pipes or perform similar duties. Any more extensive asbestos abatement work shall be done by state-certified asbestos abatement contractors in compliance with state and federal standards.

The district's complete, updated management plan for material containing asbestos in school buildings shall be available for inspection in district and school offices during normal business hours. Parent, teacher and employee organizations shall annually be informed of the availability of this plan. (40 CFR 763.93)

**Other Environmental Safety Precautions**

Principals or their designees shall enforce school rules designed to:

1. Prevent the accumulation of flammable, noxious or otherwise dangerous materials unless adequate safeguards are provided.
  2. Keep all school facilities free of debris.
  3. Keep walkways at all times open to pedestrian traffic and clear of obstructions.
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