

**Policy 3514: Environmental Safety**

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The Governing Board believes that students and employees have the right to learn and work in a safe, clean and healthy environment. The district has an obligation to locate and reduce or eliminate potential risks to health and the environment, to use environmental resources in a responsible way, and to educate students and staff about environmental issues.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations to guard against environmental hazards. Students and staff are encouraged to report any unsafe conditions they may observe.

**Air Quality**

The 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.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district follows integrated pest management procedures so as to use the most appropriate and least toxic method of control.

**Lead Exposure Reduction**

The Board recognizes that exposure to lead is especially damaging to young children and that hazardous levels of lead may sometimes be present in paint, soil or drinking water. In order to minimize any harmful exposure, the district shall follow guidelines recommended by the Department of Health Services and specified in administrative regulations.

The district shall conduct an independent assessment of whether students are in danger from exposure to lead at our schools.

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall inform school staff and parents/guardians of the results of any lead survey conducted by the Department of Health Services.

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