

Business and Noninstructional Operations

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

The Governing Board recognizes its obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment at school facilities for students, staff, and community members. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly assess school facilities to identify environmental health risks. He/she shall establish a comprehensive plan to prevent and/or mitigate environmental hazards based on a consideration of the proven effectiveness of various options, anticipated short-term and long-term costs and/or savings to the district, and the potential impact on staff attendance, student attendance, and student achievement.

Strategies addressed in the district's plan shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

1. Ensuring good indoor air quality by maintaining adequate ventilation; using effective maintenance operations to reduce dust, mold, mildew, and other indoor air contaminants; and considering air quality in the site selection, design, and furnishing of new or remodeled facilities
2. Limiting outdoor activities when necessary due to poor outdoor air quality, including excessive smog, smoke, or ozone, or when ultraviolet radiation levels indicate a high risk of harm
3. Reducing exposure to diesel exhaust and other air contaminants by limiting unnecessary idling of school buses and other commercial motor vehicles
4. Minimizing exposure to lead in paint, soil, and drinking water
5. Inspecting facilities for naturally occurring asbestos and asbestos-containing building materials that pose a health hazard due to damage or deterioration and safely removing, encapsulating, enclosing, or repairing such materials
6. Ensuring the proper storage, use, and disposal of potentially hazardous substances
7. Ensuring the use of effective least toxic pest management practices
8. Instituting a food safety program for the storage, preparation, delivery, and service of school meals in order to reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses

In developing strategies to promote healthy school environments, the Superintendent or designee may consult and collaborate with local environmental protection agencies, health agencies, and other community organizations.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the district's maintenance and facilities staff, bus drivers, food services staff, teachers, and other staff as appropriate with professional development regarding their responsibilities in implementing strategies to improve and maintain environmental safety at the schools.

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The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board, staff, parents/guardians, students, and/or governmental agencies, as appropriate, if an environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall provide information about the district's actions to remedy the hazard and may recommend health screening of staff and students.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17002 *Definition of "good repair"*

17070.75 *Facilities inspection*

17582 *Deferred maintenance fund*

17590 *Asbestos abatement fund*

17608-17613 *Healthy Schools Act of 2000, least toxic pest management practices*

32240-32245 *Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act*

48980.3 *Notification of pesticides*

49410-49410.7 *Asbestos materials containment or removal*

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

11401-12408 *Pest control operations and agricultural chemicals*

13180-13188 *Healthy Schools Act of 2000, least toxic pest management practices*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 *Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

105400-105430 *Indoor environmental quality*

113700-114437 *California Retail Food Code, sanitation and safety requirements*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14010 *Standards for school site selection*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

337-339 *Hazardous substances list*

340-340.2 *Occupational safety and health, rights of employees*

1528-1533 *Construction safety orders; exposure to hazards*

5139-5223 *Control of hazardous substances*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

2480 *Vehicle idling*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

35001-36100 *Lead abatement services*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

64670-64679 *Lead and copper in drinking water*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7

136-136y *Use of pesticides*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

2601-2629 *Control of toxic substances*

2641-2656 *Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1758 *Food safety and inspections*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

141.1-141.723 *Drinking water standards*

745.61-745.339 *Lead-based paint standards*

763.80-763.99 *Asbestos-containing materials in schools*

763.120-763.123 *Asbestos worker protections*

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Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008

Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008

Food Safety Requirements, Fact Sheet, October 2007

Sun Safety in Schools, Policy Brief, July 2006

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

School Site Selection and Approval Guide, 2000

Indoor Air Quality, A Guide for Educators, 1995

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

Report to the Legislature: Lead Hazards in California's Public Elementary Schools and Child Care Facilities, April 1998

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools, rev. 2007

Healthy School Environments Assessment Tool, 2007

The ABCs of Asbestos in Schools, rev. August 2003

Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings, March 2001

How to Manage Asbestos in School Buildings: AHERA Designated Person's Self-Study Guide, 1996

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

AirNow: <http://www.airnow.gov>

American Association of School Administrators: <http://www.aasa.org>

California Air Resources Board: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>

California Department of Education, Health and Safety: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa/hs>

California Department of Pesticide Regulation: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California Indoor Air Quality Program: <http://www.cal-iaq.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Consumer Product Safety Commission: <http://www.cpsc.gov>

National Center for Environmental Health: <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh>

Occupational Safety and Health Administration: <http://www.osha.gov>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov>

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