

Policy 3514: Environmental Safety

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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 enforce precautionary measures to guard against environmental hazards.

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)

(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

Measures used to guard against environmental health hazards shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

1. Ensuring good indoor air quality by maintaining adequate ventilation; appropriate housekeeping and maintenance procedures; removal of contaminate sources; 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.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)

(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)

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.

(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)

(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)

3. Reducing exposure to diesel exhaust and other air contaminants by limiting unnecessary idling of school buses and other commercial vehicles

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

4. The district 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. 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.

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.

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)

7. Integrated Pest Management Practices including sanitary measures that 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 to use the most appropriate and least toxic method of control.
