

Policy 3514: Environmental Safety

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The Board of Education 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 and shall develop strategies to prevent and/or mitigate environmental hazards. He/she shall consider 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 and students, including the impact on student achievement and attendance.

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System)

(cf. 3517 - Facilities Inspection)

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

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

Such strategies shall focus on maximizing healthy indoor air quality; monitoring the quality of outdoor air and adjusting outdoor activities as necessary; reducing exposure to vehicle emissions; minimizing exposure to lead and mercury; reducing the risk of unsafe drinking water; inspecting and properly abating asbestos; appropriately storing, using, and disposing of potentially hazardous substances; using effective least toxic pest management practices; reducing the risk of foodborne illness; and addressing any other environmental hazards identified during facilities inspections.

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

(cf. 3516.5 - Emergency Schedules)

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)

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

(cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)

(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School Program)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)

(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)

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

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

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 environmentally safe and healthy schools.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

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.

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
