

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy

BP 3514

Business and Noninstructional Operations

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

The Board of Education 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.

(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)

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.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

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

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)

(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)

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 Index

Utilizing the Bay Area Air Quality Index Management District (BAAQMD) as a resource, when Piedmont's Air Quality Index (as measured by BAAQMD) ranges from 101-150 (orange zone), all PE classes are to be held indoors and all strenuous PE activities and athletic programs are canceled.

When the AQI reaches 150, all PUSD employees will be offered and encouraged to use respirator masks when working outdoors.

Under a Distance Learning Model of Instruction, when the AQI surpasses 200, no PUSD employees shall work outdoors and all employees shall then have the option of working remotely from home. If work cannot be done remotely (e.g. landscaping, custodial), employees can notify their direct supervisor and log an absence as "Industrial" in the District's employee absence system.

Under an In-Person/Hybrid model of Instruction, when the AQI surpasses 200 (very unhealthy), the Superintendent shall confer with the Board of Education and the Superintendent for the Alameda County Office of Education to determine if a school closure is warranted.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, if the Air Quality Index levels reach 101 or above, and the ventilation is shut off, In-Person/Hybrid school will be canceled for the day.

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.

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.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17366 Legislative intent (fitness of buildings for occupancy)

17582 Deferred maintenance fund; use for determining presence and encapsulation or removal of asbestos-containing materials

17590 Asbestos abatement fund

32020 Access gates

32240-32245 Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act

49410-49410.7 Asbestos materials containment or removal

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE CODE

11401-15206.6 Pest Control Operations and Agricultural Chemicals

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions

CALIFORNIA STATE CONSTITUTION

"Right to Safe Schools" Article 1, Section 28(c)

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

340-340.3 Employer's obligation to provide safety information

1532.1 Construction safety orders, lead standard

5142 Heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems; minimum ventilation

5143 Mechanical ventilating systems; inspection and maintenance

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

35001-35099 Accreditation in Lead Abatement Services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7

136 et seq. Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

2641-2656 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

763.93 Management Plans

763.94 Record keeping

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