

Policy 3514.1: Hazardous Substances

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The Board of Education recognizes that potentially hazardous substances are used in the daily operations of our schools. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure these substances are inventoried, used, stored and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 49401.5, districts may request consultation services from the Industrial Relations Department, California Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Service, to ensure that hazardous materials are being used and stored safely in schools.

Insofar as possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored on school property and shall substitute less dangerous materials for hazardous substances.

Hazard Communication Program

Note: The California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 5194 requires that a written hazard communication program be developed and implemented by employers whose employees may have potential exposure to hazardous substances. Required program components are specified in AR 3514.1.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement and monitor a written hazard communication program in accordance with state law. As part of this program, he/she shall ensure that employees are fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of substances to which they may be exposed and that material safety data sheets are readily accessible to them.

Teachers shall instruct students about the importance of proper handling, storage, disposal and protection when using any potentially hazardous substance.
