

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 identify and address potential risks to health and the environment, and shall ensure that environmental resources are used in a responsible manner.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations to prevent and/or reduce environmental hazards in accordance with law and state guidelines.

Strategies 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. Minimizing exposure to lead in paint, soil, and drinking water
3. Inspecting facilities for naturally occurring asbestos and asbestos-containing building materials and safely removing, encapsulating, enclosing, or repairing such materials
4. Ensuring the use of effective least toxic pest management practices

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 notify parents/guardians, 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.
