

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

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 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.

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.

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.

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 safety at the and healthy schools.

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.

Legal References: (see next page)

Environmental Safety (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17002 Definition of "good repair"

17070.75 Facilities inspection

17582 Deferred maintenance fund

17590 Asbestos abatement fund

17608-17614 Healthy Schools Act of 2000, least toxic pest management practices

32080-32081 Carbon monoxide devices

32240-33245 Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act

48980.3 Notification of pesticides

49410-49410.7 Asbestos materials containment or removal

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

11401-12408 Pest control operations and agricultural chemicals

13180-13188 Healthy School Act of 2000, least toxic pest management practices

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

105400-105430 Indoor environmental quality

113700-114437 California Retail Food Code, sanitation and safety requirements

116277 Lead testing of potable water at schools and requirements to remedy

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14010 Standards for school site selection

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

337-339 Hazardous substances list

340-340.2 Occupational safety and health, rights of employees

1528-1537 Construction safety orders; exposure to hazards

5139-5223 Control of hazardous substances

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

2025 Retrofitting of diesel school buses

2480 Vehicle idling

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

35001-36100 Lead abatement services

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

64670-64679 Lead and copper in drinking water

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24

915.1-915.7 California Building Standards Code; carbon monoxide devices

Environmental Safety (continued)

Legal References: (continued)

1758 Food safety and inspections

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7

136-136y Use of pesticides

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

2601-2629 Control of toxic substances

2641-2656 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

141.1-141.723 Drinking water standards

745.61-745.339 Lead-based paint standards

763.80-763.99 Asbestos-containing materials in schools

763.120-763.123 Asbestos worker protections

Policy

adopted: 10/22/1991

Revised: 04/22/1997; 11/18/2014

Revised: 09/25/2018

WEST COVINA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

West Covina, California