

Policy 3514.1: Hazardous Substances

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The Governing Board recognizes ~~recognizes~~ ***desires to provide a safe school environment*** that ***protects students and employees from exposure to any*** potentially hazardous substances ~~are used in the daily operations of our schools. The Superintendent or designee shall insure these substances are inventoried, used, stored, and regularly disposed of in a safe~~ ***District's educational program*** and legal manner. ***in the maintenance and operation of District facilities and equipment.***

Insofar as ***reasonably*** possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored ***and used*** on school property ~~and shall substitute less dangerous materials for.~~ ***When hazardous substances, must be used, the Superintendent or designee shall give preference to materials that cause the least risk to people and the environment.***

~~Hazard Communication Program~~

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all potentially hazardous substances on District properties are inventoried, used, stored, and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and ~~monitor~~ ***maintain*** a written hazard communication program in accordance with state law. ~~As part of this program, he/she~~ ***8 CCR 5194*** ***and*** shall ensure that employees, ***students, and others as necessary*** 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.~~

~~(cf. 3514—Environmental Safety)~~

~~(cf. 5141.23—Infectious Disease Prevention)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall develop specific measures to ensure the safety of students and staff in school laboratories where hazardous chemicals are used. Such measures shall include the development and implementation of a chemical hygiene plan in accordance with 8 CCR 5191 and instruction to students about proper handling of hazardous substances.

The Superintendent or designee shall not purchase any such toxic material for use in grades 7-12 unless it includes a warning label as specified in Education Code 32065 that identifies any toxic ingredients, warns of potential adverse health effects, and describes procedures for safe use and storage. (Education Code 32064)