

**Hazardous Substances**

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe school environment that protects students and employees from exposure to any potentially hazardous substances used in the district's educational program and in the maintenance and operation of district facilities and equipment.

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*

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

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

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

Insofar as reasonably possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored and used on school property. 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.

*(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)*

*(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)*

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 maintain a written hazard communication program in accordance with 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.

*(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)*

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.

*(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)*

The Superintendent or designee shall not order or purchase for use in grades K-6 any arts and crafts materials containing a substance determined by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to be toxic. 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)

Legal Reference:

*EDUCATION CODE*

32060-32066 *Toxic art supplies in schools*  
49340-49341 *Hazardous substances education*  
49401.5 *Legislative intent; consultation services*  
49411 *Chemical listing; compounds used in school programs; determination of shelf life; disposal*

**FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE**

12981 *Regulations re pesticides and worker safety*

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**

25163 *Transportation of hazardous wastes; registration; exemptions; inspection*

25500-25520 *Hazardous materials release response plans; inventory*

108100-108515 *California Hazardous Substances Act*

**LABOR CODE**

6360-6363 *Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act*

6380-6386 *List of hazardous substances*

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8**

339 *List of hazardous substances*

3203 *Illness and injury prevention program*

3204 *Records of employee exposure to toxic or harmful substances*

5139-5230 *Control of hazardous substances, especially*

5154.1-5154.2 *Ventilation*

5161 *Definitions*

5162 *Emergency eyewash and shower equipment*

5163 *Control of spills*

5164 *Storage of hazardous substances*

5191 *Occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories; chemical hygiene plan*

5194 *Hazard communication*

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22**

67450.40-67450.49 *School hazardous waste collection, consolidation, and accumulation facilities*

**Management Resources:**

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS**

*Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2012*

**CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT**

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Art and Craft Materials in Schools: Guidelines for Purchasing and Safe Use, September 17, 2016*

**WEB SITES**

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://cde.ca.gov>

California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov>

Department of Industrial Relations, Cal/OSHA: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh>

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