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District 77 Policy 807

## **807 ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the management of asbestos within school district buildings.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

It is the policy of this school district to manage asbestos in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

### **III. REQUIREMENT**

- A. The Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) sets forth requirements and guidelines for school districts asbestos management. Each school district must provide access to all its buildings and must furnish appropriate technical information regarding each building.
- B. Friable and nonfriable asbestos-containing material will be maintained in good condition and appropriate precautions will be followed when the material is disturbed for any reason. If there is a reason to replace asbestos-wrapped pipes or boiler coverings, these will be replaced with non-asbestos bearing building materials following approved procedures and using certified personnel.

Similar rules, as feasible, will apply to all sprayed-on coverings or asbestos bearing products listed in the Asbestos Management Plan which are typically associated with contamination of atmosphere.

The school district will implement the rules of AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act) and will provide the necessary funding to undertake the required response actions. The school district will appoint and train as necessary a Designated Person as required in AHERA rules, and that person will be the "Asbestos Program Manager".

- C. The Asbestos Program Manager shall have responsibility and authority in those departments and areas of school district programming necessary to assure that the covenants of AHERA are followed and appropriate public health and hygiene is observed in all areas that may relate to asbestos and safeguarding the health of building occupants. The asbestos program manager shall handle:

1. All notifications to parents/guardians, employees and students regarding the presence of asbestos.
  2. The approval of all art procedures which may involve asbestos contact.
  3. The review of all activities that may involve direct contact with asbestos bearing materials.
- D. All specifications for removal, encapsulation, encasement or extraordinary operations and maintenance programming involving asbestos will be developed in a specification format suggested by the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) or other organizations with appropriate background or experience in hazardous waste specification development, and approved by the Asbestos Program Manager. Federally certified project designers will be used in developing all projects.
- E. All activities and dates suggested within the ongoing Asbestos Management Plan will be complied with unless a formal determination is made in writing that sections of the plan should be changed. Major changes will be communicated to parents, guardians, and employees for review and will be made available to the public.
- F. Before a new or newly acquired building is utilized for any purpose within the district, there will be formal written assurance by the Asbestos Program Manager that appropriate public health and compliance procedures have occurred relative to the building.
- G. There shall be a visual inspection every six months of all asbestos bearing or assumed to be asbestos bearing materials within each building. In addition, federal certified inspectors will inspect the buildings in their entirety on a three-year basis, completing appropriate forms and reports as required under AHERA. Following episodic water damage, those areas denoted in the plan as susceptible to water damage will be inspected.
- H. All short -term workers, employees or contractors who may enter the building for a period of time will be notified to the extent possible as to the availability of the plan identifying asbestos bearing materials.

***Legal References:*** Federal AHERA Act

***Cross References:*** None