

Tracy Unified School District recognizes its obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment at school facilities for students, staff and community members. The Board shall identify and address potential risks to health and the environment and shall ensure that environmental resources are used in a responsible manner.

The Governing Board believes that students and employees have the right to learn and work in a safe, clean and healthy environment. The district has an obligation to locate and reduce or eliminate potential risks to health and the environment, to use environmental resources in a responsible way, and to educate students and staff about environmental issues.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations to guard against environmental hazards. Students and staff are encouraged to report any unsafe conditions they may observe.

AIR QUALITY

The Board recognizes that clean air contributes to a favorable learning environment for students, productivity for staff, and the health of all school occupants. Adequate ventilation, appropriate housekeeping and maintenance procedures, and the removal of pollution sources are all necessary to achieve good indoor air quality. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff implement measures that will maintain good air quality in classrooms and offices.

Air quality shall be considered in the siting and architectural design of new or remodeled facilities and in the selection of building materials and furnishings.

PEST MANAGEMENT

Sanitary measures shall be enforced and buildings regularly cleaned and repaired in order to prevent infestations, minimize the use of pesticides, and eliminate routine spraying.

LEAD EXPOSURE REDUCTION

The Board recognizes that exposure to lead is dangerous to employees and especially damaging to young children and that hazardous levels of lead may sometimes be present in paint, soil, or drinking water. In order to minimize any harmful exposure, the district shall follow guidelines recommended by the Department of Health Services and specified in administrative regulations.

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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:

1. Considering air quality in the siting and architectural design of new or remodeled facilities and in the selection of building materials and furnishings, and taking steps to reduce indoor air contaminants in maintenance operations.
2. Ensuring the use of effective least toxic pest management practices at all district schools.
3. Minimizing the exposure to lead in paint, soil or drinking water, especially in areas accessible to very young children.
4. Inspecting and testing facilities for asbestos-containing materials and protecting persons during encapsulation and removal of any asbestos.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify employees and parents/guardians, as appropriate, if an environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall detail the district's efforts to remedy the hazard.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE:

17366	Legislative intent (fitness of buildings for occupancy)
17582	Deferred maintenance fund
17590	Asbestos abatement fund
17608-17613	Healthy Schools Act of 2000
32240-32245	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 Schools Act of 2000

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2	Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions
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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

340-340.3	Employer's obligation to provide safety information
1532.1	Construction safety orders, lead standards
5142	Heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems; minimum ventilation
5143	Mechanical ventilating systems; inspection and maintenance

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CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

35001-35099 Accreditation in Lead Abatement Services

UNITES STATES CODE, TITLE 7

136-136y Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

2641-2656 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

763.93 Management Plans

763.94 Record Keeping

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

California Department of Education Publications:

Indoor Air Quality, A Guide for Educators, 1995

Department of Health Services Advisories

Lead Hazards in California's Public Elementary Schools and Child Care
Facilities: Report to the California State Legislature, April 1998

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Pest Control in the School Environment: Adopting Integrated Pest
Management, 1993

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Health Services, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch:
<http://www/dhs.ca.gov/childlead>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov>

California Department of Pesticide Regulation: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>

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