

Purchasing ALERT

California Education Code Section 32064 prohibits schools from purchasing art or craft materials containing a toxic substance for use by students in kindergarten and grades 1 to 6 (K-6).

In addition, products accompanied by a Proposition 65 warning may not be purchased for use in grades K-6.

Proposition 65 warnings are commonly seen in restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, hotels, schools, hospitals, and other public buildings in addition on a wide variety of consumer products. Increased compliance by manufacturers in providing warning labels has caused schools and offices to inquire about these labels and the law that requires their presence. This Safety Alert is provided to make schools and offices aware of the Proposition 65 warning labels and highlight the District's commitment to communicating potential hazards.

Products that contain toxic/hazardous substances and/or warning labels will be rejected by the Purchasing Department in compliance to State and Federal Law.

Purchasing Tips for Reducing Health Hazards Exposure

- Do not place orders from Oriental Trading, and any other of their affiliated companies as the majority of the products contain the Prop 65 warning.
- Do not make purchases from Dollar Tree for use in K-6 classroom.
- Be careful accepting donations containing Prop 65 warning labels, and any other products containing health hazards.
- Carefully review specifications, product information and descriptions, technical details, etc. for warning labels.
- All vendors must be reviewed including but not limited to Amazon, Walmart, Target, Lakeshore Learning, Southwest School Supply, Staples, School Specialty, etc. for product warning labels.
- Pay attention to product labels and warnings (see box below for more information)
 - Make sure the product has the "Conforms to ASTM D-4236" label.
 - Do not purchase products with labels indicating a health hazard.
 - Do not purchase products that have a California Proposition 65 warning.

Product labels and warnings: What to look for and what they mean

Look for the following labels when choosing products for K-6 classroom use:



Conforms to
ASTM D-4236

This statement, required by federal law, indicates that the product complies with ASTM-4236, an international industry labeling standard. This assures that the product label informs users about potential chronic health hazards and safe use.



A cautionary label such as this is required by federal law for products that pose health hazards. Do not purchase products with these labels for use by students in K-6th grades



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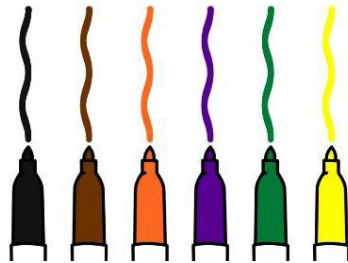
CAUTION

Materials bearing these health hazard labels must not be purchased for use by students in K-6th grades.



WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including [name of chemical], which is/are known to the State of California to cause[cancer] / [birth defects or other reproductive harm]. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

California's Proposition 65 requires businesses to provide warnings about significant exposures to chemicals that can cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Products with this warning should not be used by children.



A list of products that should not be purchased for students in kindergarten through 6th grade, guidance on the purchase and safe use of art products in schools, and other information are available at the

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHA) website:

<https://oehha.ca.gov/risk-assessment/art-hazards>