

**Policy Statement #5500 of the Board of Education
Regarding the Procurement of Green Product Cleaning Supplies**

- I. Purpose
 - A. To require the procurement and use of green product cleaning supplies for the purpose of providing a clean, safe, and healthy indoor environment for students, faculty, staff, and community to the extent practicable and economically feasible
- II. Definitions
 - A. Green product cleaning supplies – environmentally preferable cleaning and cleaning maintenance products and supplies intended for routine cleaning and cleaning maintenance that perform well and that have positive health and environmental attributes, including biodegradability, low toxicity, low volatile organic compound content, reduced packaging, low life cycle energy use, and lesser or reduced effects on human health and the environment when compared to competing products that serve the same purpose. Green product cleaning supplies do not include room deodorizers, air fresheners, toilet deodorizers, or hand cleaners.
- III. Policy Statement
 - A. The Board of Education recognizes that the purchase and use of green product cleaning supplies can have positive health and environmental attributes. The Board is also committed to using public funds in a fiscally responsible manner. Therefore, to the extent practicable and economically feasible, the school system will procure and use green product cleaning supplies.
- IV. Delegation of Authority
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with local policies, and local, state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.
- V. Exceptions
 - A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations, or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- VI. Review
 - A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of four years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective October 14, 2021.

Citations

State Law: §5-112(e) of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

State Reg.:

Federal Law:

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

Other Citation: