

STUDENTS

Toxic Art Materials

A. Generally

As mandated in the legal reference to this ~~P~~policy, all art materials are to be evaluated and those which meet the criteria as toxic shall be so labeled. The use of such "toxic" art materials shall be prohibited in kindergarten through grade 5.

B. Procedural Guidelines

1. An art material shall be considered toxic if such material contains an ingredient which is a toxic substance, to include human carcinogen and potential human carcinogen causing chronic illness by the ingredient, whether an intentional ingredient or an impurity, is one percent or more by weight of the art material.
2. If an art material complies with labeling standard ASTM D-4236 and its revision, if any, of the American Society for Testing and Materials, the material shall be deemed to comply with the provisions of these criteria.
3. All art materials used in the ~~D~~ivision which meet the criteria as toxic shall be so labeled.
4. Use of art materials evaluated under ASTM D-4236 to be toxic shall be prohibited in the elementary grades.

Editor's Note

For implementation see Virginia Beach City Public Schools "The Potentially Hazardous and Toxic Art Materials Handbook" (1991).

Legal Reference

Code of ~~V~~irginia, § 22.1-274.1, ~~as amended~~. Criteria to identify toxic art materials; labeling; use in certain grades prohibited. ~~The State Department of Education, in cooperation with the State Department of Health, shall develop criteria to identify toxic art materials.~~

~~After these criteria have been developed, the Department of Education shall require school divisions to evaluate all art materials used in schools and identify those which are toxic. All materials used in the public schools which meet the criteria as toxic shall be so labeled and the use of such art materials shall be prohibited in kindergarten through grade five. (1988)~~

Virginia Board of education Regulations 8VAC20-530, et seq., as amended. ~~Virginia Board of Education Regulations, "Governing Criteria to Identify Toxic Art Materials; Labeling, Use in Certain Grades Prohibited."~~ (January 1991) Regulations Governing Criteria to Identify Toxic Art Materials; Labeling; Use in Elementary Grades Prohibited.

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