

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for dealing with hazardous substances.

The board is concerned about creating and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for students, staff and community persons who use district facilities. The board, the superintendents and the district employees share the responsibility of maintaining healthful and safe conditions in the school buildings.

The board also recognizes that the daily operations of our schools entail the use of many potentially hazardous substances. Hazardous materials are defined as any substance or mixture of substances that constitutes a fire, explosive, reactive or health hazard.

Such substances may include, but not be limited to the following.

- art supplies (e.g. rubber cement, spray paints, chemical-based marking pens)
- paint thinners
- solvents (e.g. gasoline, turpentine, mineral spirits)
- pesticides
- underground storage tank hazardous materials
- compressed gases and other liquids, compounds, solids or hazardous chemicals which might be toxic, poisonous or cause serious bodily injury

Hazardous materials on school property must be inventoried, used, stored and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

The board encourages staff to substitute less dangerous materials for hazardous ones whenever possible.

The board directs the superintendent or his/her designee to provide district personnel with procedures that address the purchase, storage, use, transportation and disposal of hazardous materials. The procedures will stress instruction in the importance of proper handling, storage, disposal and protection of all potentially hazardous substances. The procedures will also include emergency response and evacuation plans.

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