

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) recognizes the need to provide a safe learning and working environment which is reasonably secure from known hazards, and that adequate attention to safety is the responsibility of every person. There are many areas of the school operation, from science laboratories and art departments to custodial services and vehicle maintenance, which use a variety of materials that are hazardous.

Hazardous materials include any substance or mixture of substances that poses a fire, explosive, reactive or health hazard as more fully defined by law.

The Board, through the Superintendent, shall cause to be created procedures which address the purchase, storage, handling, transportation and disposal of hazardous materials for all District facilities and operations including instructional areas. Emergency response actions and evacuation plans will also be included within the procedures.

The procedures shall comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations which pertain to the safe and proper storage, transportation and disposal of hazardous materials.

The goal of the procedures shall be to set into place an ongoing process by which each location will identify and manage potentially hazardous materials. District employees shall be encouraged to make less dangerous substitutions for hazardous substances to the extent possible and to minimize the quantities of such substances.

Appropriate District employees shall be trained to take precautions to prevent accidents and to handle them in the event they do occur.

It is not the intent of the Board to expand or modify the District's potential liability exposure through the adoption of this policy. The District's voluntary compliance with any statute or regulation to which it is not otherwise subject shall not be construed to create or assume any potential liability under any local, state or federal law or regulation.

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LEGAL REFS.: 42 U.S.C. 6901 (1982 & Supp. III 1985) (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [RCRA] and accompanying regulations
 42 U.S.C. 9601 (1982 & Supp. IV 1986) (Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act [CERCLA] and accompanying regulations
 49 U.S.C. 1801 (Hazardous Materials Transportation Act)
 C.R.S. 13-21-108.5 (persons rendering assistance relating to discharge of hazardous materials immune from civil liability)
 C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 Board of Education – safe school plan – safe school reporting requirements
 C.R.S. 22-32-110 Board of Education – specific powers

C. R. S. 24-10-106.5 (duty of care in Colorado Governmental Immunity Act)
C.R.S. 25-15-101 et seq. (State Hazardous Waste Management Program)
C.R.S. 29-22-101 et seq. (Hazardous Substance Incidents)
C.R.S. 42-4-228 (vehicles transporting explosive or hazardous materials)
C.R.S. 42-4-234 (3)
C.R.S. 43-6-101 et seq. (Hazardous Materials Transportation Act of 1987)
6 CCR 1007-3, Part 261 (identification and listing of hazardous waste)
8 CCR 1507-1 (operation of commercial vehicles and transportation of hazardous materials)
6 CCR 1010-6 Rules and Regulations Governing Schools in the State of Colorado

CROSS REFS.: ADD, Safe and Secure Schools
EB, Safety Program
EB-R, Safety Program
EBAB-R, Hazardous Materials Regulation
EBAB-E-1, Hazardous Materials/Chemical Request Form, Exhibit to Policy
EBAB-E-2, Chain of Custody Form, Exhibit to Policy EBAB, Hazardous Materials
EBCA, Disaster Plans
KDDA, Media Relations, Press Releases, Conferences and Interviews
KDE, Crisis Management
KDE-E-2, Emergency Response Plan