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907.1 LATEX BALLOON/LATEX GLOVE PROHIBITION

I. PURPOSE

A certain segment of the population is allergic to latex products. This allergy can cause substantial health risks. This is particularly true of latex balloons and gloves because of their stretchability which causes the powder-like substance on them to become airborne and to allow the latex to also become airborne.

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe learning environment for the protection of students, staff and visitors. Natural rubber latex balloons and gloves are prohibited from school buildings at all times. They are also prohibited from all school-sponsored activities, both on and off school premises.

An acceptable alternative to natural rubber latex balloons would be mylar balloons. An acceptable alternative to natural rubber latex gloves would be non-latex gloves.

II. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

The policy shall appear in each school's student handbook and in each school's Building and Staff handbooks. Signs shall be posted in each District building.