

Business and Noninstructional Operations

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

The Governing Board recognizes its obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment at school facilities for students, staff, and community members. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly assess school facilities to identify environmental health risks and shall develop strategies to prevent and/or mitigate environmental hazards. He/she shall consider the proven effectiveness of various options, anticipated short-term and long-term costs and/or savings to the district, and the potential impact on staff and students, including the impact on student achievement and attendance.

Such strategies shall focus on maximizing healthy indoor air quality; monitoring the quality of outdoor air and adjusting outdoor activities as necessary; reducing exposure to vehicle emissions; minimizing exposure to lead and mercury; reducing the risk of unsafe drinking water; inspecting and properly abating asbestos; appropriately storing, using, and disposing of potentially hazardous substances; using effective least toxic pest management practices; reducing the risk of foodborne illness; and addressing any other environmental hazards identified during facilities inspections.

In developing strategies to promote healthy school environments, the Superintendent or designee may consult and collaborate with local environmental protection agencies, health agencies, water boards, and other community organizations.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the district's maintenance and facilities staff, bus drivers, food services staff, teachers, and other staff as appropriate with professional development regarding their responsibilities in implementing strategies to improve and maintain environmentally safe and healthy schools.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board, staff, parents/guardians, students, and/or governmental agencies, as appropriate, if an environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall provide information about the district's actions to remedy the hazard and may recommend health screening of staff and students.

Legal Reference:

<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
13 CCR 2025	Retrofitting of diesel school buses
13 CCR 2480	Vehicle idling; limitations
17 CCR 35001-36100	Lead abatement services
22 CCR 64670-64672.6	Lead and copper in drinking water
22 CCR 64673-64674	Water System Requirements
22 CCR 64675-64679	Monitoring for Lead and Copper
24 CCR 915.1-915.7	California Building Standards Code; carbon monoxide devices
5 CCR 14010	Procedure for site acquisition
8 CCR 1528-1537	Construction safety orders; exposure to hazards
8 CCR 337-339	Hazardous substances list
8 CCR 340-340.2	Occupational safety and health; rights of employees

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8 CCR 5139-5223
Ed. Code 17002

Ed. Code 17070.75

Ed. Code 17582

Ed. Code 17590

Ed. Code 17608-17614

Ed. Code 32080-32081

Ed. Code 32240-32245

Ed. Code 48980.3

Ed. Code 49410-49410.7

F&A Code 11401-12408

F&A Code 13180-13188

Gov. Code 3543.2

H&S Code 105400-105430

H&S Code 113700-114437

H&S Code 116277

Federal

15 USC 2601-2629

15 USC 2641-2656

40 CFR 141.1-141.723

40 CFR 745.61-745.339

40 CFR 763.120-763.123

40 CFR 763.80-763.99

42 USC 1758

7 USC 136-136y

Management Resources

CA DHS Publication

CA EPA: Air Resources

Board Publication

CA State Water Res.

Control Board Pub.

California Department of
Education Publication

California Department of
Education Publication

Description

Control of hazardous substances

[State School Building Lease-Purchase Law, including definition of good repair](#)

[Facilities inspection](#)

[District deferred maintenance fund](#)

[Asbestos abatement fund](#)

[Healthy Schools Act of 2000](#)

[Carbon monoxide devices](#)

[Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act](#)

[Notification of pesticide use](#)

[Asbestos materials containment or removal](#)

[Pest control operations and agricultural chemicals](#)

[Healthy Schools Act of 2000](#)

[Scope of representation](#)

[Indoor environmental quality](#)

[California Retail Food Code; sanitation and safety requirements](#)

Lead testing of potable water at schools and requirements to remedy

Description

Control of toxic substances

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

Drinking water standards

Lead-based paint standards

Asbestos worker protections

Asbestos-containing materials in schools

Food safety and inspections

Use of pesticides

Description

Report to the Legislature: Lead Hazards in California's Public Elementary Schools and Child Care Facilities, April 1998

Facts about Truck and Bus Regulation School Bus Provisions, rev. March 22, 2011

FAQ about Lead Testing of Drinking Water in CA Schools;

Updated for Assembly Bill 746/Health and Safety Code 116277, December 15, 2017

Indoor Air Quality, A Guide for Educators, 1995

School Site Selection and Approval Guide, 2000

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CSBA Publication	Sun Safety in Schools, Policy Brief, July 2006
CSBA Publication	Food Safety Requirements, Fact Sheet, October 2007
CSBA Publication	Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008
CSBA Publication	Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008
Division of the State Architect Publication	K-12 Occupancy Classification and Load Factors, IR A-26, rev. April 18, 2012
U.S. EPA Publication	A Citizen's Guide to Radon: The Guide to Protecting Yourself and Your Family from Radon, 2016
U.S. EPA Publication	Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings, September 2008
U.S. EPA Publication	The ABCs of Asbestos in Schools, rev. August 2003
U.S. EPA Publication	Healthy School Environments Assessment Tool, rev. 2015
U.S. EPA Publication	How to Manage Asbestos in School Buildings: AHERA Designated Person's Self-Study Guide, 1996
U.S. EPA Publication	Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools, rev. 2009
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	National Center for Environmental Health
Website	California Building Standards
Website	California Department of Education, Health and Safety
Website	California Department of Pesticide Regulation
Website	California State Water Resources Control Board
Website	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Website	Consumer Product Safety Commission
Website	AirNow
Website	California Air Resources Board
Website	U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Website	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Website	American Association of School Administrators
Website	CSBA
Website	California Department of Public Health

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Westminster, CA

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