

Business and Noninstructional Operations

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe school environment that protects students and employees from exposure to any potentially hazardous substances used in the district's educational program and in the maintenance and operation of district facilities and equipment.

Insofar as reasonably possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored and used on school property. When hazardous substances must be used, the Superintendent or designee shall give preference to materials that cause the least risk to people and the environment.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all potentially hazardous substances on district properties are inventoried, used, stored, and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and maintain a written hazard communication program in accordance with 8 CCR 5194 and shall ensure that employees, students, and others as necessary are fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of substances to which they may be exposed.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop specific measures to ensure the safety of students and staff in school laboratories where hazardous chemicals are used. Such measures shall include the development and implementation of a chemical hygiene plan in accordance with 8 CCR 5191 and instruction to students about proper handling of hazardous substances.

The Superintendent or designee shall not order or purchase for use in grades K-6 any arts and crafts materials containing a substance determined by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to be toxic. The Superintendent or designee shall not purchase any such toxic material for use in grades 7-12 unless it includes a warning label as specified in Education Code 32065 that identifies any toxic ingredients, warns of potential adverse health effects, and describes procedures for safe use and storage. (Education Code 32064)

Legal Reference:

State

22 CCR 67450.40-67450.49

Description

[School hazardous waste collection, consolidation, and accumulation facilities](#)

8 CCR 3203

Injury and illness prevention program

8 CCR 3204

Access to employee exposure and medical records

8 CCR 337-339

Hazardous substances list

8 CCR 5139-5230

Control of hazardous substances

8 CCR 5154.1-5154.2

Ventilation

8 CCR 5161

Definitions

8 CCR 5162

Emergency eyewash and shower equipment

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8 CCR 5163

8 CCR 5164

8 CCR 5191

8 CCR 5194

Ed. Code 32060-32066

Ed. Code 49340-49341

Ed. Code 49401.5

Ed. Code 49411

F&A Code 12981

H&S Code 108100-108515

H&S Code 25163

Lab. Code 6360-6363

Lab. Code 6380-6386

Management ResourcesCalifornia Department of
Education Publication

OEHHA Publication

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Description

Control of spills

Storage of hazardous substances

Chemical hygiene plan

Hazard communication

[Toxic art supplies](#)[Hazardous substances education](#)[Legislative intent; consultation services](#)[Chemical listing; compounds used in school programs;
determination of shelf life; disposal](#)[Regulations re pesticides and worker safety](#)[California Hazardous Substances Act](#)[Transportation of hazardous wastes; registration; exemptions;
inspection](#)[Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act](#)[List of hazardous substances](#)**Description**

Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014

Art and Craft Materials in Schools: Guidelines for Purchasing
and Safe Use, September 17, 2016[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)[California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment](#)[Department of Industrial Relations, Cal/OSHA](#)[CSBA](#)[California Department of Education](#)

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