The board of education recognizes its responsibility for providing an environment that is reasonably secure from known hazardous materials. These materials include any substance or mixture of substances that poses a fire, explosive, reactive or health hazard as more fully defined by law.

The superintendent shall develop procedures or programs as necessary to address compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the following board requirements:

1. Purchasing, storing, handling, transporting and disposing of hazardous materials for all school facilities must be addressed in a reasonably safe manner.

2. Substituting less dangerous substances for hazardous materials should be done whenever feasible.

3. Training will be provided to appropriate school personnel on precautions to prevent accidents and to handle accidents in the event they occur.

The superintendent, principals and other building-level supervisors shall monitor compliance with this policy, administrative procedures, and applicable laws and regulations.

Any individual who is concerned that a hazardous material is not being handled properly or that a hazardous material may cause an unreasonable risk to safety should notify the principal, building-level supervisor or superintendent immediately.

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

Legal References: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq*.; Oil Pollution and Hazardous Substances Control Act, G.S. 143, art. 21A; Solid Waste Management Act, G.S. 130A, art. 9; 15A N.C.A.C. 13A

Cross References:

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