

**ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

The Board of Trustees recognizes its obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment at school facilities for students, staff members, and community members. The Board of Trustees shall direct the Superintendent or designee to identify and address potential risks to health and the environment and shall ensure that environmental resources are used in a responsible manner.

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District (District) shall conduct construction, modernization, repairs, and normal operations, with regard to hazardous materials, so as to maintain a safe environment for students, staff members, community members, and other individuals present on District facilities. District practices and operational conduct and those of its contractors shall be consistent with regulatory requirements, commercial and governmental standards, and sound procedures in order to limit exposure of individuals to harmful effects of hazardous materials, such as asbestos, lead, and pesticides.

Required planning meetings shall be held during periods of construction, modernization, and facility repairs with District staff members, site staff members, and contractors. The frequency of the meetings, as deemed appropriate, shall reflect sound practices and shall comply with legal standards as necessary to address potential safety concerns. Work scheduling for control of adverse health risks and routine measurements of environment and hazardous materials levels shall be used as reasonable and feasible.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)

(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

(cf. 7150 - Site Selection and Development)

The Board of Trustees recognizes that potentially hazardous substances are used in the daily operations of our schools. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure these substances are inventoried, used, stored, and regularly disposed of in accordance with sound and safe practices and legal standards.

Insofar as possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize hazardous situations and

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the quantities of hazardous materials stored on school property and shall substitute less dangerous materials for hazardous substances.

Hazard Communication Program

As a District priority regarding situations that could involve increased levels of exposure to hazardous materials and/or situations, timely communication and notifications in various formats, as appropriate in accordance with sound practices and legal standards, shall take place to potentially affected individuals, including students, staff members, parents, and visitors. Selected communications format(s) shall provide information on each upcoming and/or ongoing activity that could involve increased levels of exposure to hazardous materials and/or situations. The information shall be sufficiently timely to enable staff members and students to explore and/or request accommodations as reasonably needed during certain activities that may impact them.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, and monitor a written hazard communication program in accordance with State law. As part of the communication program, upon request, staff members, parents, and students shall be fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of substances to which they may be exposed, or come in contact with, and material safety data sheets shall be readily accessible to them upon request.

Teachers and other staff members, as designated by the Superintendent or designee, shall instruct students about the importance of proper handling, storage, disposal, and protection when using any potentially hazardous substance.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> (cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)  
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)  
(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)  
(cf. 6161.3 - Toxic Art Supplies)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49341 Legislative findings

49401.5 Legislative intent; consultation services

49411 Chemical listing; compounds used in school programs; determination of shelf life; disposal

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

12981 Regulations re pesticides and worker safety

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

25163 Transportation of hazardous wastes; registration; exemptions; inspection

25500-25520 Hazardous materials release response plans; inventory

LABOR CODE

6360-6363 Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5194 Hazard Communication

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations to prevent and/or reduce environmental hazards in accordance with law and State guidelines. Strategies shall include but not necessarily be limited to:

1. Considering air quality in the siting and architectural design of new or remodeled facilities and in the selection of building materials and furnishings, and taking steps to reduce indoor air contaminants in maintenance and custodial operations;
2. Ensuring the use of effective least toxic pest management practices at all District sites (cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management);
3. Minimizing the exposure to lead in paint, soil, or drinking water, especially in areas accessible to very young children;
4. Inspecting and testing facilities for asbestos-containing materials and protecting persons during encapsulation and removal of any asbestos.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, as appropriate, if a significant environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall detail the District's efforts to remedy the hazard.<sup>2</sup>

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2 Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17366 Legislative intent (fitness of buildings for occupancy)

17582 Deferred maintenance fund

17590 Asbestos abatement fund

17608-17613 Healthy Schools Act of 2000

32240-32245 Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act

48980.3 Notification of pesticides

49410-49410.7 Asbestos materials containment or removal

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

11401-12408 Pest Control Operations and Agricultural Chemicals

13180-13188 Healthy Schools Act of 2000

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

340-340.2 Employer's obligation to provide safety information

1532.1 Construction safety orders, lead standard

5142 Heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems; minimum ventilation

5143 Mechanical ventilating systems; inspection and maintenance

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

35001-35099 Accreditation in Lead Abatement Services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7

136-136y Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

2641-2656 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

763.93 Management Plans

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The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement appropriate Administrative Regulation(s) to ensure the implementation of this Board Policy. The Board Policy and Administrative Regulation(s) shall be reviewed at least biennially to ensure compliance with all applicable State and Federal regulations regarding construction, modernization, and routine maintenance of District facilities and grounds.

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Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

Indoor Air Quality, A Guide for Educators, 1995

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORIES

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

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Pest Control in the School Environment: Adopting Integrated Pest Management, 1993

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Health Services, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch:

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/childlead>

U.S. EPA: <http://www.epa.gov>

California Department of Pesticide Regulation: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>

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