

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE PROGRAM

The Governing Board recognizes that hazardous chemicals may be used or generated in District schools by science and photo laboratories, auto shops, art and industrial arts classes, and by the maintenance and transportation departments.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that school staff use, store and regularly dispose of all hazardous substances in a safe and legal manner. All employees and students shall be fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of materials to which they may be exposed. A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) shall be kept on file for each chemical received in the normal course of the school year. Teachers shall stress the importance of proper protection and handling, storage and disposal of all potentially hazardous substances.

(cf. 6161.3 – Toxic Art Supplies)

At each school offering laboratory work to students, the principal shall designate a trained certificated employee as building laboratory consultant. The building laboratory consultant shall review, update and carry out the school's procedures for laboratory safety. (Education Code 49341)

(cf. 5142 – Student Safety)

Disposal of chemicals may be accomplished in accordance with removal and disposal systems established by the County Office of Education or by permission of the County Superintendent of Schools. (Education Code 49411)

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

GENERAL INDUSTRY SAFETY ORDERS

5194 Material Safety Data Sheets

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

25163 Registration; exemptions; inspection (re transportation of hazardous wastes)

25500-25520 Hazardous materials: release response plans: inventory