BP 3514.1 Hazardous Substances and Pesticides

Hazardous Substances

The School Board recognizes that the daily operations of our schools entail the use of potentially hazardous substances. The Superintendent or designee shall insure that hazardous substances are inventoried, used, stored, locked up, and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

Teachers shall instruct students as to the importance of proper handling, storage, disposal and protection with regard to all potentially hazardous substances within the classroom and other instructional areas.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, execute, and monitor a hazard communication plan as required by applicable law.

Insofar as possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored on school property. The Board encourages staff to substitute less dangerous materials for hazardous ones whenever feasible.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the schools are regularly inspected to identify potential sources of risk and shall inform the Board of any environmental risks in the schools.

Pesticides

The Superintendent or designee shall, when practical, ensure the use of nonchemical methods to control pests, including proper sanitation practices, structural repair, and window screens.

When application of pesticides is necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure timely notice to parents and the public.

Annual Registration for Notice of Pesticide Application

The Lead Teacher/Superintendent shall provide written notice to parents/guardians at the beginning of each school year, or upon a child's enrollment, that pesticides may be used in or around the school. The notice shall explain how a parent may register to receive notification at least 24 hours prior to a pesticide treatment.

<u>Legal Reference</u>

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