

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

The Board of Education and Superintendent recognize their obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment at Office of Education facilities for students, staff and community members. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly assess school facilities to identify environmental health risks and shall develop strategies to prevent and/or mitigate environmental hazards. He/she shall consider the proven effectiveness of various options, anticipated short-term and long-term costs and/or savings to the district, and the potential impact on staff and students, including the impact on student achievement and attendance.

Such strategies shall focus on maximizing healthy indoor air quality; monitoring the quality of outdoor air and adjusting outdoor activities as necessary; reducing exposure to vehicle emissions; minimizing exposure to lead and mercury; reducing the risk of unsafe drinking water; inspecting and properly abating asbestos; appropriately storing, using, and disposing of potentially hazardous substances; using effective least toxic pest management practices; reducing the risk of foodborne illness; and addressing any other environmental hazards identified during facilities inspections.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board, staff, students, parents/guardians, and/or governmental agencies, as appropriate, if an environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall detail the Office of Education's efforts to remedy the hazard.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

- 17002 Definition of "good repair"
- 17070.75 Facilities inspection
- 17582 Deferred maintenance fund
- 17590 Asbestos abatement fund
- 17608-17614 Healthy Schools Act of 2000, least toxic pest management practices
- 32080-32081 Carbon monoxide devices
- 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, least toxic pest management practices

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 3543.2 Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 105400-105430 Indoor environmental quality
- 113700-114437 California Retail Food Code, sanitation and safety requirements
- 116277 Lead testing of potable water at schools and requirements to remedy

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 14010 Standards for school site selection

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

- 337-339 Hazardous substances list

Policy

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340-340.2 Occupational safety and health, rights of employees
1528-1537 Construction safety orders; exposure to hazards
5139-5223 Control of hazardous substances

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

2025 Retrofitting of diesel school buses
2480 Vehicle idling

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

35001-36100 Lead abatement services

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

64670-64679 Lead and copper in drinking water

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24

915.1-915.7 California Building Standards Code; carbon monoxide devices

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7

136-136y Use of pesticides

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

2601-2629 Control of toxic substances
2641-2656 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1758 Food safety and inspections

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

141.1-141.723 Drinking water standards
745.61-745.339 Lead-based paint standards
763.80-763.99 Asbestos-containing materials in schools
763.120-763.123 Asbestos worker protections

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