

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The School Board recognizes its responsibility for providing an environment which is reasonably secure from known hazards. There are many areas of the school operations, from science laboratories and art departments to custodial services and vehicle maintenance, which use a variety of materials that are hazardous.

Hazardous materials include any substance or mixture of substances that poses a fire, explosive, reactive or health hazard as more fully defined by law.*

The Board, through the Superintendent, will create procedures which address the purchase, storage, handling, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials for all school facilities and operations including instructional areas. Emergency response actions and evacuation plans also will be coordinated with the procedures.**

The procedures will comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations which pertain to the safe and proper storage, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials.

The goals of the procedures will be to set into place an ongoing process by which each location in the district may begin a program of identifying and managing potentially hazardous materials. District personnel will be encouraged to make less dangerous substitutions for hazardous substances to the extent possible and to minimize the quantities of such substances stored on school property.

Appropriate administrative school personnel will be trained to take precautions to prevent accidents and to handle them in the event they do occur.

It is not the intent of the Board to expand or modify the district's potential liability exposure through the adoption of this policy. However, since the policy is for the safety of the students, the district'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 or cost associated with compliance of our policy under any local, state, or federal law or regulation.

* See MSDS publications for full list of hazardous materials.