

BUSINESS AND GENERAL SUPPORT SERVICES

SUBJECT: Hazardous Substance Communication Policy

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognize that the daily operations of our schools entail the use of many potentially hazardous substances. To ensure that employees are fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of substances to which they may be exposed, the Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement and monitor a written hazard communication program in accordance with state law.

The County Superintendent or designee shall insure that hazardous substances are inventoried, used, stored 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.

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

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the schools are regularly inspected to identify potential sources of risk.

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

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

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