Policy

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

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The board is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and members of the public who use district facilities. The board, superintendent, and district staff share the responsibility of maintaining healthful and safe conditions in the district buildings.

The board also recognizes that the daily operations of our schools entail the use of many potentially hazardous substances. Hazardous materials are defined as any substance or mixture of substances that constitutes a fire, explosive, reactive, or health hazard.

Such substances may include, but are not limited to, the following:

* art supplies (e.g., rubber cement, spray paints, chemical-based marking pens)
* paint thinners
* solvents (e.g., gasoline, turpentine, mineral spirits)
* pesticides
* underground storage tank hazardous materials
* compressed gases and other liquids, compounds, solids, or hazardous chemicals which might be toxic, poisonous, or cause serious bodily injury

Insofar as possible, the superintendent or his/her designee will minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored on district property. Hazardous materials on district property must be inventoried, used, stored, and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

The board encourages staff to substitute less dangerous materials for hazardous ones whenever possible.

The board directs the superintendent or his/her designee to provide district staff with procedures that address the purchase, handling, storage, use, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials. These procedures will also include emergency response and evacuation plans.

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