HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

The Governing Board desires to provide a safe school environment that protects students and employees from exposure to any potentially hazardous substances used in the district’s educational program and in the maintenance and operation of district facilities and equipment.

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

Insofar as reasonably possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored and used on school property. When hazardous substances must be used, the Superintendent or designee shall give preference to materials that cause the least risk to people and the environment.

(cf. 3510 - Green School Operations)
(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all potentially hazardous substances on district properties are inventoried, used, stored, and regularly disposed of in a safe and legal manner.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement and maintain a written hazard communication program in accordance with CCR 5194 and shall ensure that employees, students, and others as necessary are fully informed about the properties and potential hazards of substances to which they may be exposed.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop specific measures to ensure the safety of students and staff in school laboratories where hazardous chemicals are used. Such measures shall include instruction to students about proper handling of hazardous substances.

(cf. 6142.93 - Science Instruction)

The Superintendent or designee shall not order or purchase for use in grades K-6 any arts and crafts materials containing a substance determined by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to be toxic. The Superintendent or designee shall not purchase any such toxic material for use in grades 7-12 unless it includes a warning label as specified in Education Code 32065 that identifies any toxic ingredients, warns of potential adverse health effects, and describes procedures for safe use and storage. (Education Code 32064)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
32060-32066 Toxic art supplies in schools
49340-49341 Hazardous substances education
49401.5 Legislative intent; consultation services
49411 Chemical listing; compounds used in school programs; determination of shelf life; disposal
FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE
12981 Regulations re pesticides and worker safety

Policy Adopted: 08/02/06; 03/06/19
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
25163 Transportation of hazardous wastes; registration; exemptions; inspection
25500-25520 Hazardous materials release response plans; inventory
108100-108515 California Hazardous Substances Act
LABOR CODE
6360-6363 Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act
6380-6386 List of hazardous substances
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
339 List of hazardous substances
3203 Illness and injury prevention program
3204 Records of employee exposure to toxic or harmful substances
5139-5230 Control of hazardous substances, especially
5154.1-5154.2 Ventilation
5161 Definitions
5162 Emergency eyewash and shower equipment
5163 Control of spills
5164 Storage of hazardous substances
5191 Occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories; chemical hygiene plan
5194 Hazard communication
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22
67450.40-67450.49 School hazardous waste collection, consolidation, and accumulation facilities

Management Resources:
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT PUBLICATIONS
Art and Craft Materials in Schools: Guidelines for Purchasing and Safe Use, September 17, 2016
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education: http://cde.ca.gov
California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment: http://www.oehha.ca.gov
Department of Industrial Relations, Cal/OSHA: http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh