

## **Business/Non-Instructional Operations**

### **Hazardous Materials Communication/Green Cleaning Program**

The Board of Education recognizes the necessity of utilizing hazardous materials in the day-to-day operation of school facilities and in supporting education requirements. The Board realizes that with the use of hazardous materials, responsibility must be taken to ensure personal safety and to protect the environment during use, storage and transportation. There are many areas of the District, from science laboratories and art departments to custodial services and vehicle maintenance, where such a variety of uses is performed.

Hazardous materials include any substance or mixture of substances that poses a fire, explosive, reactive or health hazard. Examples of materials classed as hazardous are: common household cleaning supplies, spray oven cleaners, cleaning solvents, photo chemicals, soldering flux, some ceramic glazes, oils and gasoline.

The Board, through the Superintendent, shall utilize proper procedures to assure the safe storage, handling, transportation and disposal of hazardous materials for school facilities and operations including instructional areas.

District personnel shall be encouraged to substitute non-hazardous materials for hazardous substances to the extent possible and to minimize the quantities of hazardous substances purchased and stored on school property.

#### Green Cleaning Program

The Board of Education is committed to procuring and using environmentally preferable cleaning products in school buildings and facilities. Consistent with state law, no person shall use a cleaning product inside a school unless such cleaning product meets guidelines or environmental standards approved by the Department of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Such cleaning product shall, to the maximum extent possible, minimize the potential harmful impact on human health and the environment.

Environmentally preferable cleaning product

For the purpose of this policy, the term "environmentally preferable cleaning product" includes, but is not limited to:

general purpose cleaners  
bathroom cleaners  
carpet cleaners  
glass cleaners

floor finishes  
floor strippers  
hand cleaners  
soaps

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The term "environmentally preferable cleaning product" does not include:

- (a) any disinfectant, disinfecting cleaner, sanitizer or any other antimicrobial product regulated by the federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, 7 USC 136 et seq.; or
- (b) any product for which no guideline or environmental standard has been established by any national or international certification program approved by the Department of Administrative Services, or which is outside the scope of or is otherwise excluded under guidelines or environmental standards established by such a national or international certification program.

#### Notice of Green Cleaning Program

Annually, the Board of Education shall provide the staff of each school and the parents and guardians of each child enrolled in each school with a written statement of the school district's green cleaning program. The Board of Education shall make such notice, as well as the report submitted to the Department of Education available on its web site and the web site of each school.

The notice shall include:

- (1) the types and names of environmentally preferable cleaning products being applied in schools;
- (2) the location of the application of such cleaning products in the school buildings and facilities;
- (3) the schedule of when such cleaning products are applied in the school buildings and facilities;
- (4) the statement, "No parent, guardian, teacher or staff member may bring into the school facility any consumer product which is intended to clean, deodorize, sanitize or disinfect."; and
- (5) the name of the school administrator, or a designee, who may be contacted for further information.

Such notice shall be provided to the parents or guardians of any child who transfers to a school during the school year and to staff hired during the school year.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes:

10-220 Duties of Boards of Education

10-231g. Green cleaning program at schools: Definitions. Implementation.  
Notice

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