

BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Concepts and Roles in Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Hazardous Substances

The Superintendent recognizes that the daily operations of County Office of Education programs and schools entail the use of many potentially hazardous substances.

The 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. All programs will maintain an up to date MSDS binder at each location

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

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the schools are regularly inspected to identify potential sources of risk. When new environmental risks are discovered, the Superintendent or designee shall take immediate steps to remedy the situation.

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 Office of Education recognizes that lead is especially damaging to children and that lead may be present in the paint, soil or drinking water at some schools. The County Office of Education shall assess whether students are in danger from exposure to lead at our schools and shall take measures to minimize any harmful exposure.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32240-32245 Lead Safe Schools Protection Act

49340-49341 California Hazardous Materials Education Act

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; exemption; inspection (re transportation of hazardous wastes)

25500-25520 Hazardous materials; release response plans and inventory

LABOR CODE

6360-6363 Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act

CODE OF REGULATION, Title 8

5194 Hazard Communication