

## **8431 - PREPAREDNESS FOR TOXIC HAZARD AND ASBESTOS HAZARD**

The School Board is concerned for the safety of the students and staff members and will attempt to comply with all Federal and State statutes and regulations to protect them from hazards that may result from industrial accidents beyond the control of school officials or from the presence of asbestos materials used in previous construction.

### **TOXIC HAZARDS**

These hazards exist in chemicals and other substances used in the school setting such as in laboratories, science classrooms, kitchens, in the cleaning of school buildings, buses, and equipment, and the maintaining of school grounds.

The Superintendent will appoint an employee to serve as the Toxic Hazard Preparedness (THP) Officer. The THP Officer will:

- A. identify potential sources of toxic hazard in cooperation with material suppliers who shall supply the THP Officer with Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's);
- B. ensure that all incoming materials, including portable containers, are properly labeled with the identity of the chemical, the hazard warning, and the name and address of the manufacturer or responsible party;
- C. maintain a current file of MSDS's for every hazardous material present on Corporation property;
- D. design and implement a written communication program which:
  1. lists hazardous materials present on Corporation property;
  2. details the methods used to inform staff and students of the hazards; and
  3. describes the methods used to inform contractors and their employees of any hazardous substances to which they may be exposed and of any corrective measures to be employed.

In fulfilling these responsibilities, the THP Officer may enlist the aid of county and municipal authorities and, if possible, the owners or operators of identified potential sources of toxic hazard.

The Board may, in its discretion, appoint and charge an ad hoc committee of community representatives to assist the THP Officer.

### **ASBESTOS**

In its efforts to comply with Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), the Board recognizes its responsibility to:

- A. inspect all Corporation buildings for the existence of asbestos or asbestos-containing materials;
- B. take appropriate actions based on the inspections;
- C. establish a program for dealing with friable asbestos, if found;
- D. maintain a program of periodic surveillance and inspection of facilities or equipment containing asbestos;
- E. comply with EPA regulations governing the transportation and disposal of asbestos and asbestos-containing materials.

The Superintendent shall appoint a person to develop and implement the Corporation's Asbestos-Management Program which will ensure proper compliance with Federal and State laws and the appropriate instruction of staff and students.

The Superintendent shall also ensure that, when conducting asbestos abatement projects, each contractor employed by the Corporation is licensed pursuant to the Indiana Department of Health Regulations.

Nothing in this policy should be construed in any way as an assumption of liability by the Board for any death, injury, or illness that is the consequence of an accident or equipment failure or negligent or deliberate act beyond the control of the Board or its officers and employees.

Asbestos School Hazard Abatement, 20 U.S.C. 4011 et seq.  
Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act, 40 C.F.R. Part 763  
Toxic Substances Control Act 15, U.S.C. 2601 et seq.

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