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## USE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY MATERIALS

### - POLICY -

1. The Board will support initiatives which support environmentally sound practices and promote the health and safety for students and employees in schools.
2. As part of these commitments, the Board of Education will reduce and/or eliminate the use of toxic products on school district property.
3. A “Product Review Committee” will assess products for toxicity, identify proper handling of toxic materials and where possible, will source non-toxic equivalent products.
4. The Board of Education will make every effort to purchase non-toxic materials, products containing recycled materials and materials which, when ultimately disposed, will minimize or eliminate adverse effects on the environment.

### - REGULATION -

1. A Product Review Committee will be established to:
  - 1.1 Assess current products/practices and review alternative products/practices that would eliminate or reduce the use of toxic materials within the school district.
  - 1.2 Maintain a list of environmentally and health friendly products that will be used exclusively within the school district. The school district will eliminate the use of household chemicals, products that are of commercial grade and all those that are not subject to Material Safety Data sheet compliance.
  - 1.3 Promote the use of biodegradable and environmentally friendly products that will not result in the generation of hazardous waste.

2. The school district will
  - 2.1 maintain a procurement system for school products, which will ensure the purchase of non-toxic or less toxic products that reduce staff and student exposure, and in the contract bidding process will request the use of non-toxic materials.
  - 2.2 maintain a system of disposal for school products that is safe and environmentally responsible.
  - 2.3 ensure there is employee and student awareness regarding the use of toxic products/materials and the prevention of pollution.
  - 2.4 ensure that reduce, reuse and recycling programs are maintained throughout all schools and buildings.
3. The school district will use an Integrated Pest Management approach to pest control. Pest control initiatives will be carried out only after ensuring:
  - 3.1 the elimination of all hazards to students, staff and the public;
  - 3.2 the method used is the least toxic and damaging to the environment.