

Purpose

To define management options, proper handling and disposal procedures for hazardous materials

Definitions

N/A

Policy Statement

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility for providing an environment that is reasonably secure from known hazards. There are many areas of the school operation, from science laboratories and art departments to custodial services and vehicle maintenance, which use a variety of materials that are hazardous.

Hazardous materials include any substance or mixture of substances that poses a fire, explosive, reactive or health hazard as more fully defined by law.

The Hazard Communication Program addresses the purchase, storage, handling, transportation and disposal of hazardous materials for all school facilities and operations including instructional areas. Emergency response actions and evacuation plans also shall be coordinated with the procedures.

All procedures shall comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the safe and proper storage, transportation and disposal of hazardous materials.

Allegany County School personnel shall be encouraged to make less dangerous substitutions for hazardous substances to the extent possible and to minimize the quantities of such substances stored on school property. Appropriate school personnel shall be trained to take precautions to prevent accidents and to handle them in the event they do occur. It is imperative that the head custodian, members of the science department and all school staff communicate regarding hazardous materials at each school site.

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