

VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

SUPERINTENDENT POLICY NO. 3514.1

ADOPTED: 02/14/96

CLASSIFICATION: General Administrative Policies

REVISED:

SUBJECT: Hazard Communication Program

The Superintendent recognizes that the daily operations of our schools entail the use of many potentially hazardous substances. 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 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.

Insofar as possible, the Superintendent or designee shall minimize the quantities of hazardous substances stored on school 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.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49341	Legislative findings
49401.5	Legislative intent; consultation services
49411	Chemical listing; compounds used in schools; shelf life; disposal

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

25163	Registration; exemptions; inspection (re transportation of wastes)
25500-25520	Hazardous materials; release response plans; inventory

LABOR CODE

6360-6363	Hazardous Substances Information and Training Act
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CODE OF REGULATIONS, Title 8

5194	Hazard Communication
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