

REPORTING OF HAZARDS

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to provide an environment that is reasonably secure from known health hazards. The Board of Education therefore directs the superintendent of schools and all professional and support staff members to comply with occupational safety and health regulations, including the hazard communication standard and "Right to Know" legislation.

The superintendent of schools will direct appropriate personnel to develop and oversee a written hazard communication program. Such program will include the following:

- (1) the acquisition, maintenance and review of material safety data sheets (MSDS's) for all known hazardous materials on district property,
- (2) the compilation of a hazardous materials inventory,
- (3) employee training in hazardous materials management and protection, and
- (4) the recording of all incidents involving exposure to known hazardous materials; records of employees who have been exposed to substances with enforceable exposure standards shall be kept for forty (40) years

The district will comply with the requirements for the visual notification of pesticide spraying as set forth in the Environmental Conservation Law.

It is the responsibility of the entire school community to report any unsafe building or equipment conditions to the main office as soon as possible. In addition, designated administrators will provide notice of hazardous materials to current and former employees within seventy-two (72) hours of a request.

Cross-Reference: Policy 1120 - School District Records
 Policy 7700 – Facilities Renovations
 Policy 8120 – Accident Prevention & Safety Procedures

References: 29 CFR §1910.1200, 12 NYCRR (Hazard Communication Standard)
 40 CFR §763.95
 Public Health Law, Article 48 & Labor Law, Article 28 (Right to Know)
 Environmental Conservation Law, §33-0101
State v. GTE Valeron Corp, 155 AD2nd 166 (1990)
 12 NYCRR §801.3

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