

Toxic Hazards and Asbestos Hazards

The School is concerned for the safety of the students and staff members and will comply with applicable 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, and in the cleaning of rooms and equipment.

The Board appoints the Principal or his/her designee to serve as Toxic Hazard Preparedness (THP) Officer. The THP Officer will conduct a training program for all School employees to include such topics as detection of hazards, explanation of the health hazards to which they could be exposed in their work environment, and the School's written Hazard Communication Plan.

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.

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

1. inspect School buildings owned by the School for the existence of asbestos or asbestos-containing materials;
2. take appropriate actions based on the inspections;
3. establish a program for dealing with friable asbestos, if found;
4. maintain a program of periodic surveillance and inspection of facilities or equipment containing asbestos; and
5. comply with EPA and State regulations governing the transportation and disposal of asbestos and asbestos-containing materials.

The Principal or his/her designee shall appoint a person to develop and implement the School's Asbestos Management Plan which will ensure proper compliance with Federal and State laws and the appropriate instruction of staff and students. At least once each school year, the School will notify parent, teacher, and employee organizations of the availability of the School's Asbestos Management Plan and any asbestos-related actions taken or planned in the School.

The School shall also ensure that, when conducting asbestos abatement projects, each contractor employed by the School agrees to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Nothing in this policy should be construed in any way as an assumption of liability by the School or 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 School, the Board or its officers and staff or employees.

*20 U.S.C. 4011 et seq.; 15 U.S.C. 2641 et seq.; 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.; 40 CFR 763.93;
R.C. 4167.01 et seq.*