

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

CODE: EBAB

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility for providing an environment which 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 Board, through the Superintendent, has drafted and adopted a written hazard communication program which addresses matters relating to the purchase, storage, handling, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials for all school facilities and operations including instructional areas.

The goals of the procedures will be to set into place an on-going process by which each location in the district may begin a program of identifying and managing potentially hazardous materials. District personnel will 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 will be trained to take precautions to prevent accidents and handle them in the event they do occur.

It is not the intent of the Board to expand or modify the district's potential liability exposure through the adoption of this policy. The district's voluntary compliance with any statute or regulation to which it is not otherwise subject will not be construed to create or assume any potential liability under any local, state, or federal law or regulation.

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