
FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business and Noninstructional Operations
ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize their obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment at school facilities for students, staff, and community members. The County Superintendent or designee shall regularly assess school facilities to identify environmental health risks and shall develop strategies to prevent and/or mitigate environmental hazards. The County Superintendent or designee shall consider the proven effectiveness of various options, anticipated short-term and long-term costs and/or savings, and the potential impact on staff and students, including the impact on student achievement and attendance.

Such strategies shall focus on maximizing healthy indoor air quality; monitoring the quality of outdoor air and adjusting outdoor activities as necessary; reducing exposure to vehicle emissions; minimizing exposure to lead and mercury; reducing the risk of unsafe drinking water; inspecting and properly abating asbestos; appropriately storing, using, and disposing of potentially hazardous substances; using effective least toxic pest management practices; reducing the risk of foodborne illness; and addressing any other environmental hazards identified during facilities inspections.

In developing strategies to promote healthy school environments, the County Superintendent or designee may consult and collaborate with local environmental protection agencies, health agencies, water boards, and other community organizations.

The County Superintendent or designee shall provide the maintenance and facilities staff, food services staff, teachers, and other staff as appropriate with professional development regarding their responsibilities in implementing strategies to improve and maintain environmentally safe and healthy schools.

The County Superintendent or designee shall notify staff, parents/guardians, students, and/or governmental agencies, as appropriate, if an environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall provide information about actions to remedy the hazard and may recommend health screening of staff and students.

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Legal References

Federal Law

15 USC 2601-2629	Control of toxic substances
15 USC 2641-2656	Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act
40 CFR 141.1-141.723	Drinking water standards
40 CFR 745.61-745.339	Lead-based paint standards
40 CFR 763.120-763.123	Asbestos worker protections
40 CFR 763.80-763.99	Asbestos-containing materials in schools
42 USC 1758	Food safety and inspections
7 USC 136-136y	Use of pesticides

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Education Code

17002	State School Building Lease-Purchase Law, including definition of good repair
17070.75	Facilities inspection
17582	District deferred maintenance fund
17590	Asbestos abatement fund
17608-17614	Healthy Schools Act of 2000
32080-32081	Carbon monoxide devices
32240-32245	Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act
48980.3	Notification of pesticides
49410-49410.7	Asbestos materials containment or removal

California Code of Regulations

13 CCR 2025	Retrofitting of diesel school buses
13 CCR 2480	Vehicle idling, limitations
17 CCR 35001-36100	Lead abatement services
22 CCR 64670-64672.6	Lead and copper in drinking water
22 CCR 64673-64674	Water System Requirements
22 CCR 64675-64679	Monitoring for Lead and Copper
24 CCR 915.1-915.7	California Building Standards Code; carbon monoxide devices
5 CCR 14010	Procedure for site acquisition
8 CCR 1528-1537	Construction safety orders; exposure to hazards
8 CCR 337-339	Hazardous substances list
8 CCR 340-340.2	Occupational safety and health, rights of employees
8 CCR 5139-5223	Control of hazardous substances