

8431 PREPAREDNESS FOR TOXIC HAZARD

The Board of Education shall take reasonable steps to protect pupils and staff members from hazards that may result from industrial accidents beyond the control of school officials.

The Superintendent, or his/her designee, will serve as the District's Toxic Hazard Preparedness (THP) Officer, and in accordance with procedures prepared by the Superintendent, shall identify potential sources of toxic hazard and develop a plan that includes preventive and remedial measures to be followed in the event pupils and staff members are exposed to a toxic hazard. The plan will also include a system for the periodic evaluation of school environments.

The ~~Superintendent, or his/her designee,~~ THP will enlist the aid of county and municipal authorities and, if possible, the owners or operators of identified potential sources of toxic hazard. The Board may, in its discretion, appoint and charge an ad hoc committee of community representatives to assist the Superintendent or his/her designee.

The plan for toxic hazard preparedness developed by the ~~Superintendent or his/her designee~~ THPO and approved by this Board will be disseminated to the public. Teaching staff members will be instructed in the specific measures to be taken when toxic hazard is present and in the recognition of toxic hazards in the environment. A teaching staff member who detects an alleged toxic hazard in school shall immediately notify the school principal and the school nurse or, in the absence of either, the person authorized to perform that office.

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

N.J.S.A. 13:1K-19 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq.

~~N.J.A.C. 6:29-1.3~~

N.J.A.C. 7:1G-2.1

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