

Instruction

Toxic Art Supplies

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to protect the health and safety of students in the selection of materials used for instruction.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the purchase, use and proper disposal of materials which insure that the health and safety of students is protected from harmful exposure to toxic substances. These procedures shall be developed in accordance with information provided in the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health Services.

In no event shall arts and crafts material be purchased for use in grades K through 6 which contain toxic substances or cause chronic illness as determined by the State Department of Health Services.

~~In grades 7 through 12, the purchase of arts and crafts materials containing toxic substances is permitted if the products are properly labeled to warn of potential adverse health effects in accordance with the requirements of E.C. 32065. The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures that ensure extreme care when those materials are incorporated into the classroom instruction process.~~

Students in grades 7-12 are considered able to read and understand product labels and to take adequate precautions to use products which are prohibited for use in grades K-6. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that arts and crafts materials purchased for use in grades 7-12 meet the requirements of Education Code 32065. The products must be properly labeled to identify toxic ingredients, warn of potential adverse health effects and describe procedures for safe use and storage.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 32060 Legislative findings and declarations
- 32061 Art or craft material; definition
- 32062 Human carcinogen; definition
- 32063 Toxic substance causing chronic illness; definition
- 32064 Restrictions on purchases of arts and crafts materials
- 32065 Warning labels
- 32066 List of toxic art supplies; preparation and distribution

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 28794-28797 Labeling of arts and crafts materials,

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