

TOXIC ART SUPPLIES

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

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for the purchase, use and proper disposal of arts and crafts materials which ensure 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 by 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 Kindergarten through six which contain toxic substances or cause chronic illness as determined by the State Department of Health Services.

In grades seven 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 Education Code 32065. The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures that ensure extreme care when those materials are incorporated into the classroom instruction process.

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

108500-108505 Labeling of arts and crafts materials, effective January 1, 1986