

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Hazardous Material in Schools

Green Cleaning Program

The purpose of this policy is to encourage and promote the principles of green cleaning throughout the Avon Public Schools, in compliance with applicable statutes.

Green Cleaning means improved health for school occupants by reducing students', teachers', custodians', and other staff's exposure to toxic chemicals and asthma triggers that can be found in cleaning products. These include bleach, phenols, and ammonia often found in many over-the-counter general-purpose cleaners.

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee will implement this policy by regulation.

Notice Requirements

Avon Public Schools is committed to the implementation of this law by providing the staff and, upon request, the parents and guardians of each child enrolled in each school with a written statement of the school district's green cleaning program as well as making the information available on its web site annually. The policy will also be distributed to new staff hired during the school year and to parents or guardians of students transferring in during the school year.

(cf. 3524 – Hazardous Materials in Schools)

(cf. 3524.1 – Pesticide Application)

(cf. 7230.2 – Indoor Air Quality)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-220 Duties of boards of education (as amended by P.A. 09-81 and P.A. 11-136)
10-231a through 10-231d. Pesticide applications at schools
10-231g Green Cleaning Program at schools: Definitions, Implementation, Notice.
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Application

- a. Green cleaning program means the procurement and proper use of environmentally preferable cleaning products as defined by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for all state owned buildings, schools and facilities. DAS currently requires that environmentally preferable cleaning products be independently certified by one of two third party certified organizations: Green Seal or Eco Logo
- b. No person shall use a cleaning product in school unless it meets the DAS standard.
- c. The types of cleaning products covered in this legislation include: general purpose, bathroom, and glass cleaners, floor strippers and finishes, hand cleaners and soaps.
- d. Disinfectants, disinfectant cleaners, sanitizers or antimicrobial products regulated by the federal insecticide, fungicide and rodenticide act are not covered by this law.
- e. Students and staff may bring in limited quantities of hand sanitizer for personal use.
- f. By law, no parent, guardian, teacher or staff member may bring into the school facility any consumer product which is intended to clean, deodorize, sanitize or disinfect.

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