

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 the 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 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 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 References:

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 28794-28797 Labeling of arts and crafts materials