

# POLICY

## Board of Education

Bernards Township

File Code: 7433

### HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Our Board of Education will enforce the law governing hazardous substances in the Bernards Township School District. Employees of our District shall be informed of the hazards related to the handling of certain substances and trained to work with hazardous substances.

**Hazardous substance means any substance or substance in a mixture included on the hazardous substance list developed by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.**

Hazardous substances shall not include:

- Any article containing a hazardous substance if the hazardous substance is present in a solid form which does not pose any acute or chronic health hazard to any person exposed to it;
- Any hazardous substance constituting less than one percent of a mixture unless the hazardous substance is present in an aggregate amount of five hundred pounds or more;
- Any hazardous substance which is a special health hazardous substance constituting less than the threshold percentage established by the Department of Health and Senior Services pursuant to P.L. 1983, c.315 (C.34:5A-1 et seq.), for that special health hazardous substance when present in a mixture;
- Any hazardous substance present in the same form and concentration as a product packaged for distribution and use by consumers and which is not a product intended primarily for commercial use;
- Any fuel in a motor vehicle;
- Tobacco or tobacco products;
- Wood or wood products;
- Foods, drugs, or cosmetics;
- Hazardous substances which are an integral part of a building's structure or furnishings;
- Products which are personal property and are intended for personal use; and
- Any substance used in the routine maintenance of a public school building or its grounds, any substance used in a classroom science laboratory, any substance used in a school occupational training facility, including laboratories and shops, and any substance used in the normal operation of the classrooms or administrative offices of a public school, including any substance used in the heating or cooling of the school.

No person shall use or allow the use of any hazardous substance in or on any building or grounds used as a public school when children are expected to be present.

The Superintendent may delegate authority for the maintenance of hazardous substances and for the development of safety and training standards for the handling of such substances to a safety officer.

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Our District Right To Know Officer shall conduct periodic audits of hazardous substances in use in our District, ascertain that such substances are being handled in accordance with appropriate safety requirements, and determine that the employees who are required to handle hazardous substances are properly equipped to do so.

Our District Right To Know Officer shall inform the Superintendent of all hazardous substances in use in our District, the purpose of each, and the precautions required for each. The Superintendent shall take such action as may be necessary and feasible to minimize the use of hazardous substances in our District.

The Superintendent shall report periodically to the Board on hazardous substances in District use and the purpose of each.

N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1 et seq.; 34:5A-10.1 et seq.  
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4; 6A:19-10.5  
N.J.A.C. 8:59-1 et seq.

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