

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Green Cleaning

The Board of Education is committed to procuring and using environmentally preferable cleaning products in school buildings and facilities. Consistent with state law, no person shall use a cleaning product inside a school unless such cleaning product meets guidelines or environmental standards approved by the Department of Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Such cleaning product shall, to the maximum extent possible, minimize the potential harmful impact on human health and the environment.

Environmentally preferable cleaning product

For the purpose of this policy, the term “environmentally preferable cleaning product” includes, but is not limited to:

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| <i>general purpose cleaners</i> | <i>floor finishes</i> |
| <i>bathroom cleaners</i> | <i>floor strippers</i> |
| <i>carpet cleaners</i> | <i>hand cleaners</i> |
| <i>glass cleaners</i> | <i>soaps</i> |

The term “environmentally preferable cleaning product” does not include:

- (a) Any disinfectant, disinfecting cleaner, sanitizer or any other antimicrobial product regulated by the federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, 7 USC 136 et seq.; or
- (b) Any product for which no guideline or environmental standard has been established by any national or international certification program approved by the Department of Administrative Services, or which is outside the scope of or is otherwise excluded under guidelines or environmental standards established by such a national or international certification program.

Notice of Green Cleaning Program

Annually, the Board of Education shall provide the staff of each school and the parents and guardians of each child enrolled in each school with a written statement of the school district's green cleaning program.

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Such notice shall include:

- (1) The types and names of environmentally preferable cleaning products being applied in schools
- (2) The location of the application of such cleaning products in the school buildings and facilities;
- (3) The schedule of when such cleaning products are applied in the school buildings and facilities
- (4) The statement, "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."
- (5) The name of the school administrator, or a designee, who may be contacted for further information.

Such notice shall be provided to the parents or guardians of any child who transfers to a school during the school year and to staff hired during the school year.

Each local or regional board of education shall make such notice, as well as the report submitted to the Department of Education available on its web site and the web site of each school under such board's jurisdiction. If no such web site exists, the board shall make such notice otherwise publicly available.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes:

10-220 Duties of Boards of Education

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