

INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: Toxic Art Supplies

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent recognize their responsibility to protect the health and safety of students in the selection of materials used for instruction in arts and crafts activities.

The County Office of Education 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 materials 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 Section 32065. The County Office of Education 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

- 108500-108515 Labeling of arts and crafts materials
- Penal Code
- 594.1 Aerosol containers of paint