

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

To promote the health and safety of the students, staff and patrons of the district, and to ensure the environment is reasonably protected from hazardous materials, the Board of Education of the Richards R-V School District directs the administration under the guidance of the superintendent to develop procedures which address the purchase, storage, handling, transportation and disposal of hazardous materials for all school facilities and operations of the district. Emergency response actions and evacuation plans will also be coordinated with the procedures.

Hazardous materials shall be defined as any substance specifically designated as such by state or federal law, or any other substance or mixture of substances which may be explosive, ignitable, corrosive, reactive and/or toxic.

The procedures developed by the administration shall comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations which pertain to the proper management of hazardous materials. The superintendent or designee is responsible for identifying any substances which may be hazardous, and ensuring such substances are properly disposed in a state-approved facility or landfill.

When necessary, the district shall contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or the Waste Management Program of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in order to obtain relevant information regarding hazardous waste management.

District personnel will be encouraged to make less dangerous substitutions for hazardous substances to the extent possible and to minimize quantities of such substances generated by the school district. In addition, district employees shall follow the procedures developed by the administration and shall take the necessary precautions recommended by manufacturers' warnings when handling or transporting hazardous materials.

### **Asbestos**

The district shall survey and assess the exposure of friable asbestos in all buildings. This report shall be filed with appropriate state agencies, and will be available for public review in the superintendent's office. The district shall take all steps necessary to comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, as described in regulations of the EPA.

### **Lead Contamination Inspection**

The district shall monitor the periodic collection of drinking water samples from all sources in the district by the Missouri Department of Health, and shall review the results from the EPA-certified laboratory that performs the tests, when the results become available.

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The Board shall assist the Department of Health in any way necessary to assure that any testing program mandated by law is completed within the time frame allowed, and will act immediately to secure funding for the repair of drinking water sources that do not meet federal standards, or for the disconnection of the sources. Pipes that contain lead soldering shall be repaired using a non-lead solder, and water coolers that are found to contain lead in the lining of their tanks will be repaired or replaced. The Board shall encourage continued periodic inspections of district drinking water sources constructed before 1987.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.***

Adopted:

Revised:

Legal Refs: ' ' 640.120, 643.225 *et seq.*, RSMo.  
10 C.S.R. 10-6.240, 25-16.273, 60-15  
The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986, 20 U.S.C. ' ' 4011 *et seq.*  
Asbestos School Hazard Abatement Reauthorization Act, 15 U.S.C. ' ' 2641 *et seq.*  
40 C.F.R. Part 763

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