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SUBJECT: Chemical Hazards	
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POLICY: Chemical Hazards

RSU 73 is committed to providing a safe environment for students, employees and visitors. It is the policy of the district to follow safe practices in regard to the storage and handling of hazardous chemicals in its schools. The school unit will comply with all applicable Maine and federal laws and regulations concerning hazardous chemicals.

The Superintendent will be responsible for developing a Chemical Hygiene Plan that includes procedures relevant to the identification, purchase, storage, inventory, handling, and disposal of hazardous chemicals, maintenance of safety data sheets (SDS), and for ensuring that employees are provided required training and information concerning hazardous chemicals used in the schools. The Superintendent may delegate responsibilities associated with Plan development to school system staff, as appropriate.

The Superintendent/designee will appoint a Chemical Hygiene Officer for chemicals in the laboratory and district wide chemicals for the school unit. The Chemical Hygiene Officer will have the primary responsibility for implementing the school unit's Chemical Hygiene Plan. The person appointed Chemical Hygiene Officer should be familiar with State and federal regulations, pertaining to laboratory and chemical safety and the chemicals used in the schools.

The Chemical Hygiene Officer shall achieve such certification and/or attend such training as may be mandated by the Maine Department of Education or other State agencies.

Legal Reference: 29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200
26 M.R.S.A. § 565
Ch. 2 § 179 (Dept. of Prof. Regulation Rule)
Ch. 161 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rule)
Commissioner's Administrative Letter No. 33, June 9, 2005
(Chemicals in Schools)

Cross Reference: EBCA – Crisis Response Plan

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