

ELLSWORTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**CHEMICAL HAZARDS**

The Ellsworth School Board is committed to providing a safe environment for students and employees. It is the policy of the Ellsworth School Department 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 school unit will comply with Hazard Communication Standards pertaining to listing of hazardous chemicals present in the schools; labels and warnings; the posting/ availability of materials safety data sheets (MSDS); and information and training.

School employees will be required to participate in such training in regard to hazardous chemicals as may be mandated by applicable Federal and/or State regulations.

The Superintendent/designee 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 material safety data sheets (MSDS), 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 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, 1910.1450
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 – Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

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