

TOXIC CHEMICALS AND PESTICIDES MINIMIZATION POLICY CODE**I. Purpose**

To comply with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 320.02(b)(3) by minimizing the use of toxic chemicals for cleaning and pest control in district facilities, and to prohibit staff from bringing unauthorized cleaning products or pesticides onto school property.

This concise policy satisfies the specific requirement of Ed 320.02(b)(3) for facility approval. The Superintendent shall ensure implementation, maintain records of approvals, and review the policy as needed (at least biennially). For full chemical management details, refer to the district's separate Chemical Hygiene Plan.

II. Policy Provisions

A. The district shall minimize the use of toxic chemicals for cleaning and pest control by:

- Prioritizing least-toxic, environmentally preferable products (e.g., EPA Safer Choice labeled cleaners).
- Implementing an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program that emphasizes non-chemical methods (monitoring, prevention, sanitation, exclusion, and mechanical controls) before resorting to pesticides.
- Avoiding unnecessary or high-toxicity products whenever safer alternatives are available.

B. Prohibition on Unauthorized Products

No employee, contractor, volunteer, or other individual shall bring any cleaning products, chemicals, or pesticides onto district property without prior written approval from the school administration (Superintendent or designee, such as the Facilities Director). Requests for approval must include the product name, Safety Data Sheet (SDS), and justification for use. Unauthorized products will be removed immediately, and violations may result in disciplinary action.

C. Related Requirements

- All approved cleaning and pest control products shall be stored securely, properly labeled, and used per manufacturer instructions and SDS.
- This policy supports the district's broader Chemical Hygiene Plan (required under Ed 320.02(b)(8)), Integrated Pest Management Plan, and Facility Maintenance Plan.
- Staff shall receive training on safe chemical use, minimization practices, and approval procedures.

Legal Reference

- *N.H. Code Admin. Rules Ed 320.02(b)(3): Proof that the school has a policy approved by the local school board or board of trustees to minimize the use of toxic chemicals for cleaning and pest control, and shall not permit staff to bring cleaning products or pesticides into the facility without approval from the school administration.*