

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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Responsible Office: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

GREEN PRODUCT CLEANING SUPPLIES

A. PURPOSE

To establish and implement written policy and procedures in all Anne Arundel County Public Schools for the purpose of providing a clean, safe and healthy environment for our students, staff, and community. The implementation of a “Green Product Cleaning Program” will conserve natural resources, protect the indoor environment, and reduce waste system-wide. Anne Arundel County Public Schools will promote a green cleaning program throughout all schools and facilities.

B. ISSUE

The Board of Education of Anne Arundel County recognizes that chemicals in some cleaning products may be harmful to the environment and to the health of some students and staff. “Green Cleaning” reduces environmental and health risks by selecting alternative, environmentally-sensitive products, by applying these products properly, and by implementing cleaning practices that have specified positive health and environmental attributes, including lessened or reduced effects on human health and the environment.

C. POSITION

1. The Board is committed to reducing unnecessary exposure to harmful chemicals. This effort is supported and reinforced through good management practices in combination with appropriate employee training and support.
2. The Board supports the establishment of appropriate standards and procedures, training of personnel on their duties and responsibilities, and monitoring the implementation and compliance objectives.
3. The Board directs the Superintendent to implement a comprehensive “Green Cleaning” Program to include: procurement of environmentally preferable products that have obtained green product cleaning supplies certification, such as Green Seal, Green Label, Environmental Choice, Terra Choice, EcoLogo, or any other bona fide nationally recognized independent third-party entity that certifies environmentally preferable products to the extent practicable and economically feasible.

4. The Board recognizes the Federal, State, and local environmental laws, regulations, and codes to be appropriate and consistent with this policy and will comply with those requirements

D. IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy and address adequate resource allocation to promote the program.
2. The Superintendent will establish and implement Green Product Cleaning Supplies goals and specific objectives that establish green cleaning practices; including storage, application, frequency of use, disposal of cleaning supplies, and staff training.

Policy History: Adopted on 06/05/13

Note previous policy history: none