

**MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #53
Burnham – Detroit – Pittsfield**

CHEMICAL HAZARDS

MSAD #53 is committed to providing a safe environment for students and employees. It is the policy of MSAD #53 to follow safe practices in regard to the storage and handling of hazardous chemicals in its schools. The district will comply with all applicable Maine and federal laws and regulations concerning hazardous chemicals.

The Superintendent will be responsible for developing a Hazardous Chemical 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 district staff as appropriate, or, with the approval of the Board, to a professional consultant.

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

The Chemical Control 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 (Dept. of Ed. Rule)

Policy Reference: 5.04 Maintenance and Control of Materials
5.05 Crisis Intervention

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