



3.30.084-AD Elimination of Mercury

ORS326.051(1)(g) requires the establishment of a mercury elimination program.

I. Purpose

The Purpose of this administrative directive is to:

- (1) Provide direction to those responsible for implementation of the mercury elimination program
- (2) Ensure the program's compliance with state and federal law.
- (3) Provide a link between 3.30.082-P and the procedures for eliminating mercury from classrooms and school buildings.

II. Definitions

For purposes of this directive and all practices that carry out the provisions of this directive, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Elemental mercury" means the silvery-white liquid metal with atomic number of 80 and an atomic mass of 200.57 represented by chemical symbol Hg.
- (2) "Mercury compound" means a substance consisting mercury chemically combined with another element or combinations of elements, e.g. mercury oxide (HgO).
- (3) "Elemental mercury" means the silvery-white liquid metal with atomic number of 80 and an atomic mass of 200.57 represented by chemical symbol Hg.

III. Mercury Elimination Program

- (1) To remove the chance of exposure to mercury, the District shall:
 - (a) Prohibit the purchase of elemental mercury, mercury compounds and mercury-added instructional materials;
 - (b) Eliminate all elemental mercury and mercury compounds that are maintained for education purposes, including but not limited to, liquid mercury and samples of mercury compounds contained in science classes;
 - (c) Eliminate the use of mercury-added instructional materials; and

- (d) Eliminate the use of items and products containing elemental mercury or mercury compounds, as those items and products are replaced at the end of their normal useful lives with cost-effective mercury-free alternatives.
- (2) As instructional materials, items and products containing elemental mercury and mercury compounds are replaced; the District shall work with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality in the proper disposal of materials, items and products.
- (3) In compliance with Board Policy 3.30.082, the District shall recycle mercury and mercury-containing products where feasible.

Policy Implemented: 3.30.082-P Environmentally Sustainable Business Practices

History:

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