Use Of Dangerous Chemicals Within The Toronto Catholic District School Board S.M.12

Policy

The potential danger posed by chemicals shall be determined by using the Guidelines for Rating Chemical Substances. These guidelines shall be maintained in an up-to-date form in the Safety Manual in each school.

Regulations:

- 1. Those chemicals that have been designated as #5 or as a radioactive material will be disposed of without exception and under no condition will be found within Toronto Catholic District School Board schools.
- 2. Those chemicals designated as a #4 will be removed from elementary schools and also from secondary schools that elect disposal. There may be possible exceptions for certain chemicals used in the Technical Studies Program, Custodial Services and building maintenance. The Occupational Health and Safety Department in conjunction with the Program Design Division and the Planning and Facilities Department will decide upon those exceptions on a case by case basis. The decision and responsibility for retaining a #4 chemical within a secondary school rests with the principal and teachers involved.
- 3. Those chemicals that are designated as a #3 may be removed from those elementary schools that elect disposal. The decision and responsibility for retaining a #3 chemical within an elementary school rests with the principal and teachers involved.
- 4. Chemical designated as a #3 or #4 used in academic programs will not be transported from one school to another.
- 5. The list of dangerous chemicals shall be reviewed and updated annually by the Occupational Health and Safety Department in consultation with the Program Design Division and the Planning and Facilities Department.
- 6. The purchasing and disposal of chemicals will be in strict accordance with legislative requirements and TCDSB procedures outlined in the Safety Manual.

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