

Chicago Public Schools Policy Manual

Title: GREEN CLEANING POLICY

Section: 410.8

Board Report: 05-0928-PO1

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Policy:

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education adopt a new policy on green cleaning.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to encourage and promote the principles of Green Cleaning throughout the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS").

The Board seeks to encourage and support efforts to implement green cleaning, also known as healthy and high performing cleaning ("HHPC") throughout CPS. On June 10, 2004, the City of Chicago adopted a new set of environmentally sensitive standards for public buildings that will promote healthier indoor environments. Green Cleaning promotes education and health by reducing student and school employee exposure to harmful chemicals, allergens, and contaminants. It also promotes the use of less toxic or non-toxic cleaners and the use of equipment that would reduce the need to use harsh, conventional chemicals. Through this policy, the Board recognizes that Green Cleaning is important to the health and safety of students and employees.

POLICY TEXT:

It shall be the policy of CPS to encourage the maintenance of clean, safe, and healthy schools through the elimination of contaminants that affect children and adult health, performance and attendance and the implementation of cleaning processes and products that protect health without harming the environment. Specifically, CPS will promote the use of a HHPC program based on:

- The City of Chicago standard for Healthy and High Performing Cleaning;
- The U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design -- Existing Buildings Criteria; and
- ASTM's E-1971 Standard Guide on Stewardship for Cleaning Commercial and Institutional Buildings.

This policy promotes and encourages the use of Green Cleaning principles by schools, areas and central office departments. Each principal and administrator, with his/her staff, will be encouraged to incorporate, where possible, Green Cleaning principles with assistance from the Departments of Operations and Specialized Services.

Amends/Rescinds:

Cross References:

Legal References: