

EBBD – INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Indoor air quality has been reported to be impacted by motorized vehicles, toxic chemicals, certain items brought from home, and animals in school. The following guidelines are recommended to protect the health and well being of our students, staff, and school community. The Superintendent may establish additional rules and regulations to minimize or eliminate motorized vehicle emissions, the use of toxic chemicals, and certain items brought from home which contribute to poor indoor air quality. Please reference School Board Policy IMG and IMGA for guidelines on animals in school.

Motorized Vehicle Emissions

1. Bus providers are to follow anti-idling procedures when arriving at student loading or unloading areas. Exceptions may be made for extreme weather conditions which require idling for heating or mechanical purposes or to insure full functioning of safety lights and equipment when loading/unloading students.
2. All drivers are to turn off engines when parked to drop off or pick up children. Exceptions may be made for extreme weather conditions.
3. Delivery vehicles are to follow anti-idling procedures unless the vehicles need to run compressors or other devices. Exceptions may be made for extreme weather conditions.
4. Emergency vehicles are to follow their common safety protocols.

Toxic Chemicals & Items Brought in From Home

1. Soap and water is to be used for routine cleaning of furniture, equipment, and the facility. Exceptions may be made for the Facilities Department when deep cleaning is required to address sickness or facility need.
2. Non-toxic cleaning products, fertilizers, and insecticides are to be used. Exceptions may be made due to unavailability or cost.
3. Items such as cleaning products, insecticides, upholstered furniture, and other items contributing to poor indoor air quality are not to be brought in from home.

The Superintendent in conjunction with the School Principals, Business Administrator, and Facilities Supervisor may utilize resources, methods, and recommendations established by Federal, State, and District agencies.

The School Principal or designee, in collaboration with the Facilities Supervisor, is directed to annually investigate air quality in school buildings using a checklist provided by the New Hampshire Department of Education. This checklist is to be filed with the NH Department of Education, School Board, and Town Health Officer. Checklists will remain on file for five years. School Principal or designee conducting a good faith report shall be immune from civil liability.

Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

ESD Policy IMG (Animals in School and on School Grounds)

ESD Policy IMGA (Service Animals)

RSA 200:11(a) (Investigation of Air Quality)

RSA 200:48 (Air Quality in Schools)

Handbook (Referenced in Personnel Handbooks)

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